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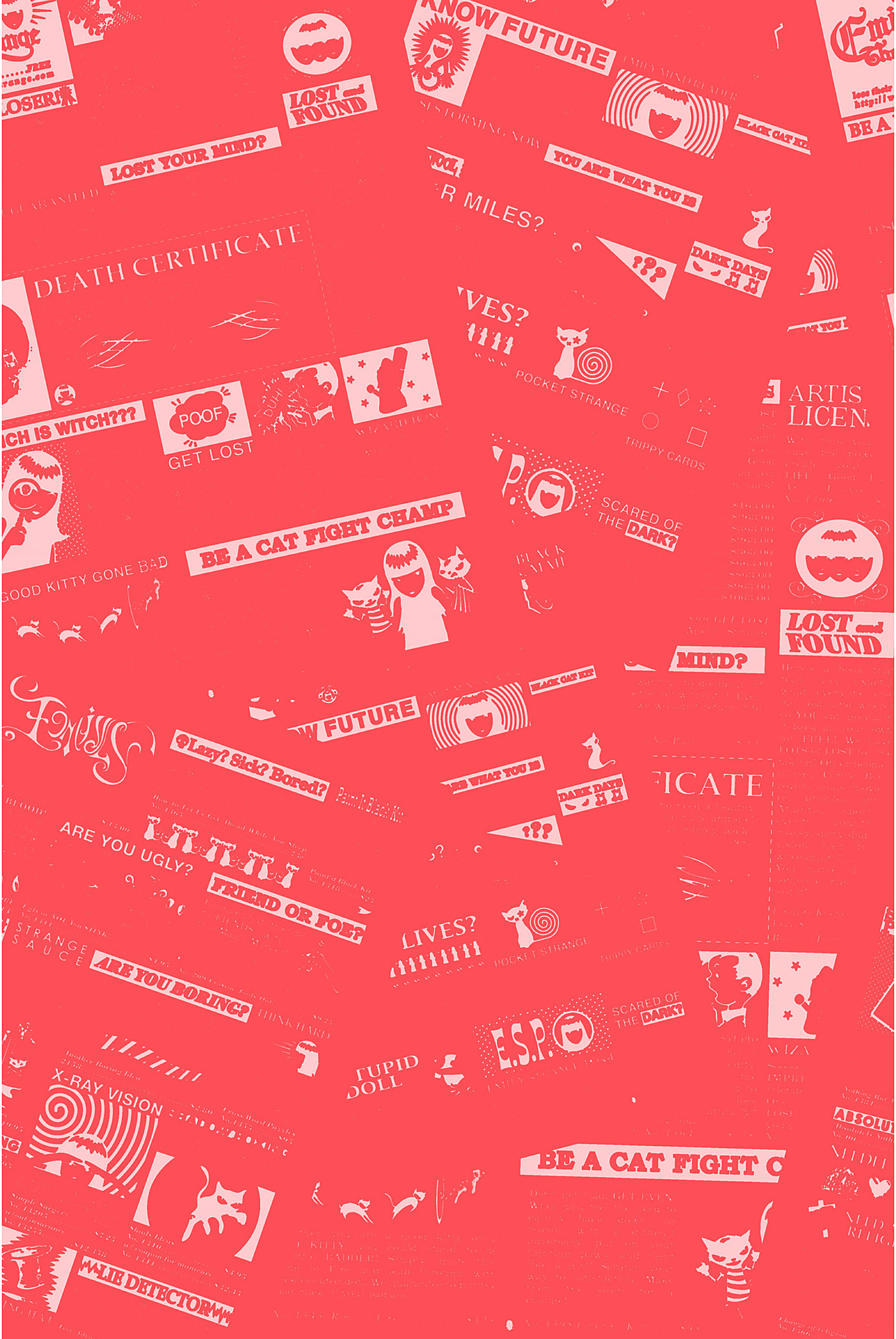

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I WANT YOU! to answer my questions!

This conversation took place on Friday the 13th, 2016, via home satellite Oddisee technology between Emily the Strange, Rob Reger, and Buzz Parker with several interruptions from Jessica Gruner, Brian Brooks, Shawna Gore, and Emily's four bad kitties, Mystery, Miles, NeeChee, and Sabbath.

Emily: You are all patched in on my new and improved Oddisee 13 . . . although our connection is a bit fuzzy . . . maybe too many furballs in the 8-ball.

RR: I smell ya. Wussup? Still strange?
BP: Sweet machine you have us connected to. Guess who drew it?
JG: Flabbering Shazbats! Thanks for the catcall!
BB: Hey Em, how you be? Long time no see ya!
SG: Kitty Remmington at your service!

E: First off, what the flabberjacks is that jagged white shape that's always on top of my head?
RR: It's supposed to be a shine of light on your hair but became a trademarked look for you and part of what sets your look apart from other characters with long black hair and bangs.
BP: Hmmm, I thought it was a crack in your head where your thoughts spill out.
BB: As I recall, that jagged shine crown was a remnant of the electricity that was released when you were created. I'm sure you've realized by now that you are able to emit bolts of lightning from your head when provoked.

E: Why am I always wearing the same farking outfit?
BB: We didn't want you to have to spend half the day wondering what to wear. And, as you know, it only looks the same to the untrained eye. Sometimes subtleties are loud.
RR: Practicality. For you AND me . . . It made sense to keep your character looking the same, so you would be recognizable when you were seen on T-shirts. I always wanted people to know who you were the moment they saw you, so keeping you in the same outfit supported that intention . . . and what Brian says.

E: Why am I perpetually 13, given that I have existed for 23 years now?
RR: It's standard in a lot of cartoons and comics to keep the main characters the same age like that. Think The Simpsons . . . I'm sorry that hasn't allowed you to legally drive, but hey, you like breaking rules! And we did give you the brain of a genius that rivals the smartest 60-year-old, in a 13-year-old body! Which is pretty cool if you think about it.
JG: We didn't want you to learn and grow too much. At some point we'll probably have to make you stop making bad decisions and taking stupid risks and stuff, but I LIKE your bad decisions.

E: Why work with Dark Horse?
RR: We were introduced to an upcoming young editor at Dark Horse—Shawna Gore. She shared our vision that a world with a bit more strange in it would make it a better place. AND they make movies!
SG: Emily, I think this one is partly on me. First, probably more than almost anyone out there, I think I understood your world and the things you care about. So when Rob and Buzz were looking for a comics publisher and an editor to help them bring your stories to life, I pushed my way (and Dark Horse's) to the front of that line. It ended up being a great fit, I think, because Rob and Buzz would come at me with their ambitious, over-the-top story ideas, and I used my years of editing experience (while keeping your stories true to YOU) to help shape those ideas into stories that made sense without removing the wonderment and weirdness at the heart of things. Three heads are better than two, or however that saying goes.

E: I hear that I have a lot of fans. Rob, you have met a lot of them. I'm really not that interested in meeting anyone myself, but what is that like to meet them on my behalf? What secrets do you tell them about me?
RR: It's been really interesting meeting your fans—they each have a story to tell . . . Often it's when you were introduced into their lives at just the right moment, inspiring them to be themselves, reminding them that they were not truly "alone," and that being different is totally awesome! I sometimes tell them that you are secretly a cat, or about your secret crush on (1980s) Eddie Van Halen . . .

E: I am pleased to be a character that has a very diverse musical library and tastes—from Maiden to Bowie to Coltrane—but really, why all the Neil Diamond and Eddie Van Halen references?
RR: We use you like a jukebox for our own musical tastes—to try to turn your fans on to cool music. It's also about you living up to being a "strange" character with eclectic tastes. As for EVH, I think that just goes back to when I was your age and Van Halen meant more to me than just about anything else . . . Neil? Well . . . I still find "porcupine pie" and "chicken ripple ice cream" to be perfectly strange . . .
BP: Album covers were always an inspiration to me growing up. The way cover art influences how we perceive what's inside is a weird analogy of your world and how people perceive you, Emily. Back in Black's a no-brainer, and inversely, the White Album is a bizarre roller coaster we knew you would dig!

E: You have often written about where my cats came from in my life. (Thank you very much, by the way. I love them to death!) Can you tell me what's behind the names of these cats from your side of the page?
RR: Okay. Sabbath is easy to explain. It all started with Ozzy and his band. I also once had a black cat I shared with my ex-girlfriend and we (I) named him Sabbath. He was a really cool cat that played fetch with us, and was a great buddy. He didn't live a long life, and naming one of your cats after him gave him new life! Miles, again, is named after a musician, Miles Davis . . . A great improviser, and the name of Jessica Gruner's cat (who was ironically white!)
JG: His full name was Miles Lavender of Cotton. Miles Lavender lived to a ripe old age and is now chasing rats in the clouds. Love ya, Miles!
RR: Mystery . . . We wanted a female "leader of the pack" with an ominous name. At first we called her Darthus (after Darth Vader) but thought better of that in case this racket caught on! The name Mystery allowed us to then give everyone a mystery to ponder . . . You know what I'm talking about! [wink wink, sniff sniff]

E: [to her four cats] You guys have your cat translators all set up? Here's your chance to ask the big cheeses some questions . . . Only one question each—you are all still grounded for shredding my curtains!
Mystery: Am I really Emily? Is Emily really me?
RR: That's two questions! And the big mystery, isn't it?!
Miles: Meow meow. Why the blind eye?
RR: We thought it looked cool. And set you apart from the rest of the posse. Sorry 'bout that; it was a fashion-over-function type of situation . . .
BP: Your little X eye lets you see more with the other than you think!
NeeChee: Thanks for the striped tail, and the ability to see in the dark, but who's this Nietzsche guy everyone keeps yammering about?
RR: We named you after a great German philosopher who was infamous for saying, "Dog is dead." We needed a real "thinker" in the gang, but didn't want people to have to think too much, so we gave it a different spelling. LOL!!
BP: That striped tail glows in the dark!
Sabbath: Yo! Where're y'all hiding the nip?
RR: Emily says I shouldn't give you any more. Sorry, pal.
BP: Too much of that stuff and you become too hard to draw, buddy.

E: You guys all essentially create my life, my every move, and are my "gods" of a sort . . . Why wouldn't you make my life all cush and fun without the nuisance of all these other people? Instead, you seem to constantly put me in conflict with a villain or myself! Why create that horrible, nasty El Viego to try to steal away my 13th Hour inheritance, and force me (for four issues!) to deal with that flagging barknap?
SG: I, for one, don't buy for a second that a life of cush and fun is one that would be interesting to you, Emily. The whole reason lots of people care about you is that you do things differently than most people. So we wanted to make sure you got to do things—lots of difficult and challenging and radical things. Those are stories—and a life—worth living.
JG: I'm probably supposed to say something about learning and growing here, but seriously, Em, don't you know it's all about OUR ENTERTAINMENT? [Rubbing hands together, cackling evilly] You are just way more fun, mad-genius, thinking-outside-the-box AWESOME when we get you in trouble. BTW, tell Sabbath to stop thinking outside the box. It's getting stinky.

E: Is Aunt LaRue really dead? Can you please bring her back so we can hang?
RR: Spoiler alert. She's really dead. But perhaps we can have you go visit her as a dead person, or make her a zombie—would that be cool enough?

E: So . . . thanks to you two and your wacko teams at Cosmic Debris and Dark Horse, my likeness has graced nearly every type of gadget known to you humans . . . Why are you so apt to adorn all that stuff with me?
RR: We gotta pay for the next pages of your life!
BP: Like every last page says, "To Be Continued"!!

E: What compels you to keep me alive?
RR: Your readers and fans. Or perhaps that thing on my back.

E: How long do you think I have before I turn back into a cat?
RR: Only time will tell.

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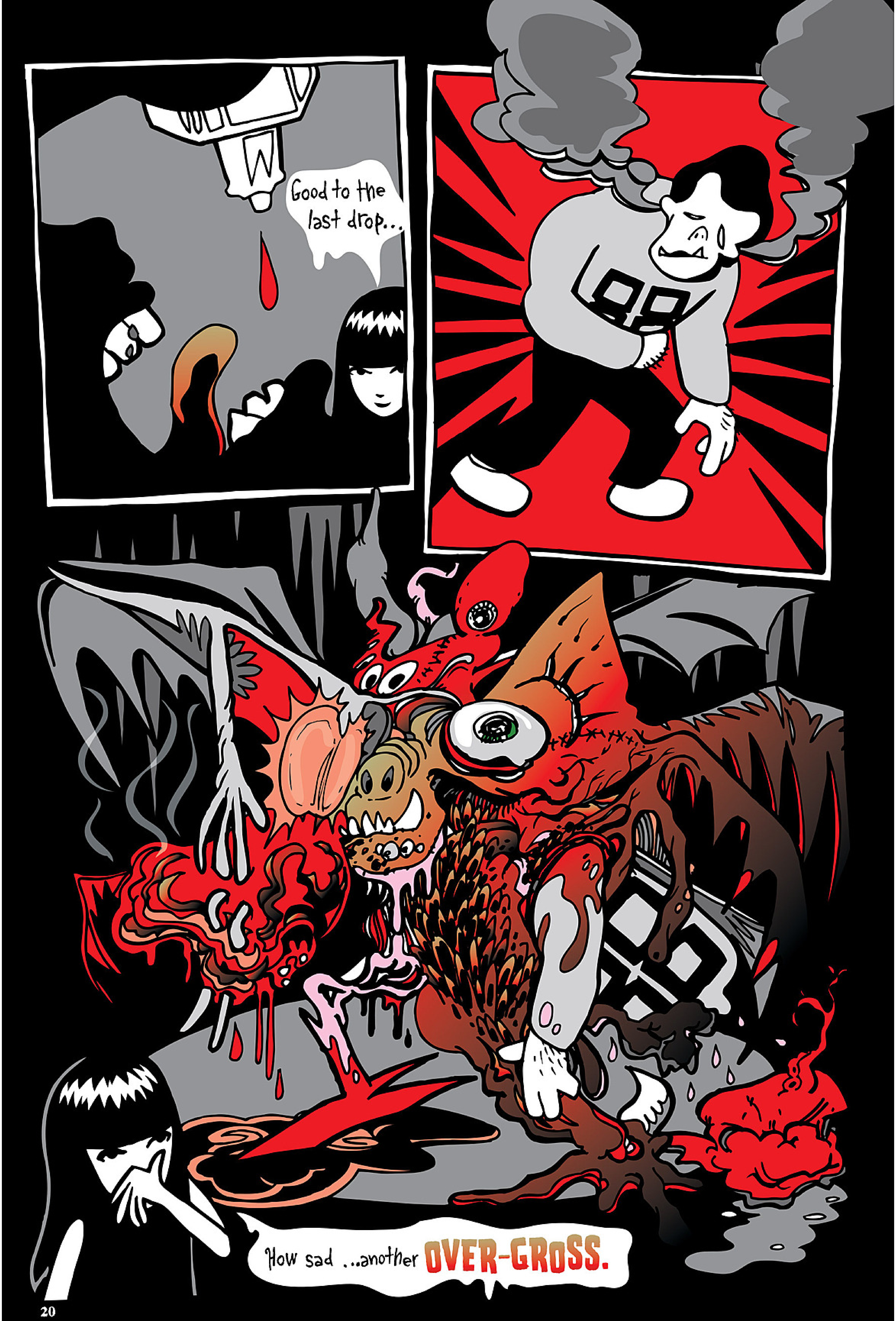
OH MY GOD!

Drop Out!
Sk8
Have a nice drip!
Homiez
Save Yourselves!

Eat to the beat!
Drop dead!
No brain, No pain!
Gimme that!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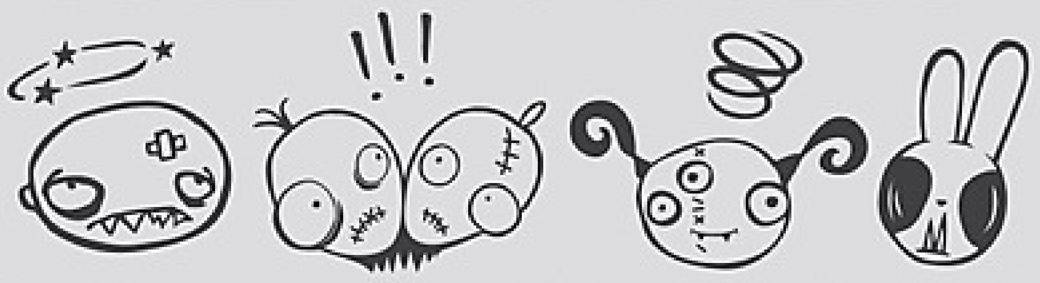

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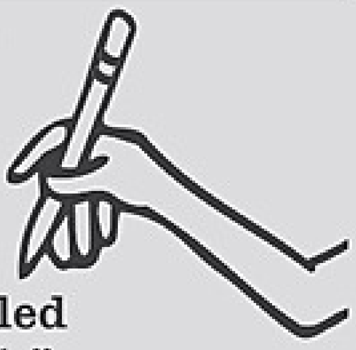

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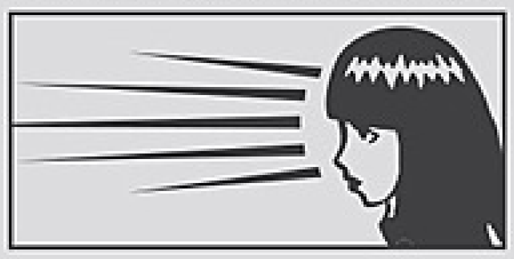

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The clouds are sooo boring today!

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SMILES? A MARSHMALLOW? Where are the dragons? Where are the burning buildings?
Maybe it's me... I should try a new point of view.
Give me a break!
This isn't working...

What's the matter with you, clouds?
Maybe your imagination is broken.
...I see what you mean.
I've gotta get my head back in the clouds.

Up, up and away...
You're hogging all the good clouds!
Ay! You! GET OFF MY CLOUD!

BORED to DEATH
It was a terrible, horrible, no good, very boring day. Even the blowflies were BORED TO DEATH.
Z Z Z Z Z Z Z
Making of BOO video
DIARY OF A MADMAN
TV Illusion
How-To With Glue
How To Change A Flat In The Rain
Hmm. How-To With Glue? Read it twenty times!
Diary of a Madman? Got that one memorized.
How to Change a Flat in the Rain? ARGH!
I could count the crickets... Nah.
Patch parachutes? Ugh.
Invoke the spirit of Mehelmot for some infernal conversation?
Eh... I'm just not in the mood...

I'm so bored to death today, I'm even bored OF death.
I remember when I collected this specimen...
Cock-a-Doodle DON'T!

I gotta pull myself out of this slump. Let's get out of here.
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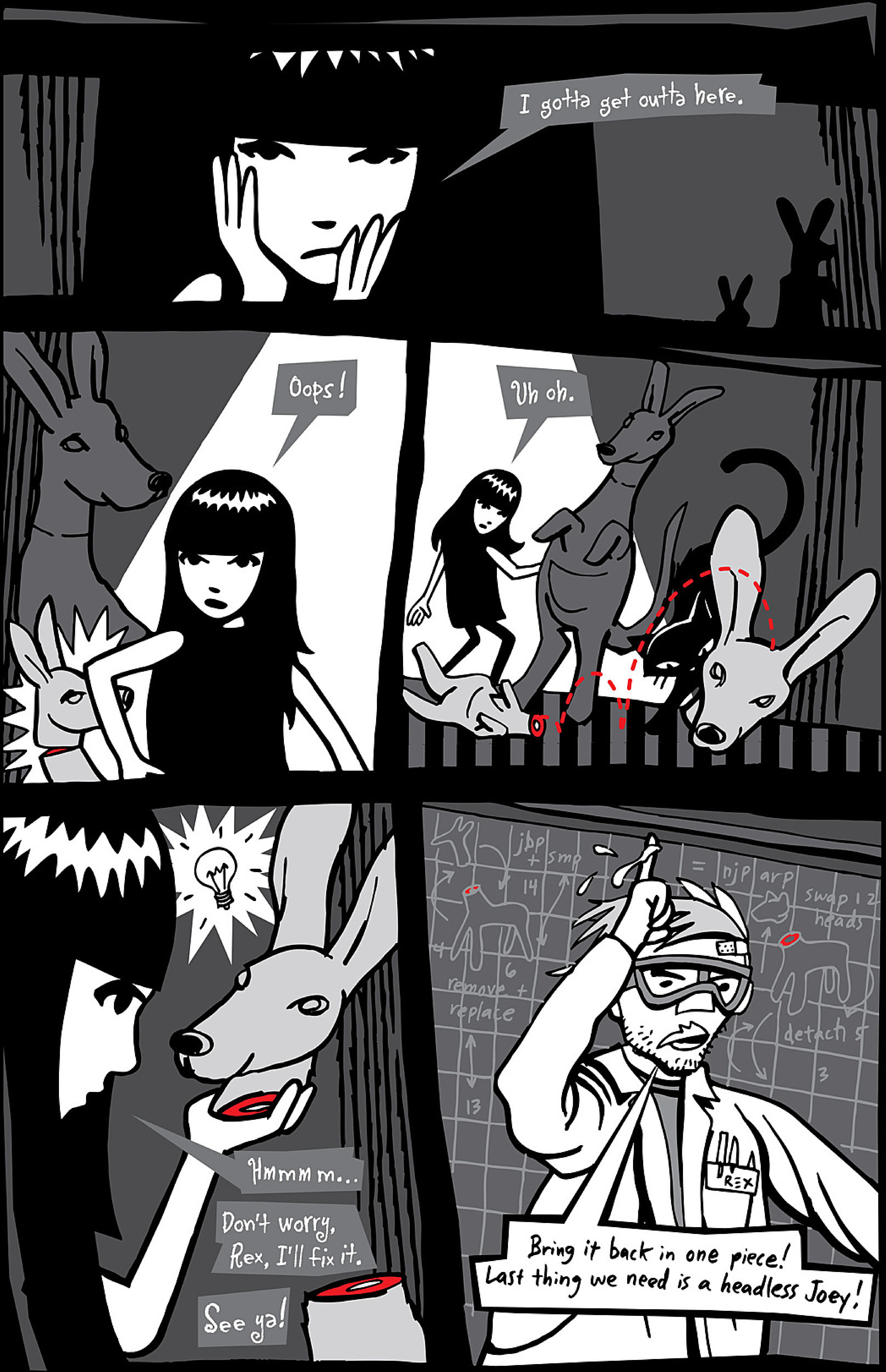
BAT AND REPTILE ROOM
NEW ARRIVALS
Huh... usually my favorite room, but today it's as boring as everything else!
BACK COUNTER
What's up, Rex?
Well... my alarm went off, hit snooze twice, Hootie came on, I showered, I need shampoo, ate breakfast, sorted some socks, read my mail, took out the trash, came to work, ...and I've been pulling cat guts all day, thinking of lunch...
why, what's wrong, Emily?


I gotta get outta here.
Oops!
Uh oh.
Hmmmm...
Don't worry, Rex, I'll fix it.
See ya!
jbp + smp
14
= njp arp
swap 1 2 heads
6
remove + replace
detach 5
3
13
REX
Bring it back in one piece! Last thing we need is a headless Joey!

Two days later...
Finally, some life around here!
It looks like the experiment has been a complete success!
The world's first Kangarooster!
Cock a Doodle Roo!

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LEMMY
Why are you guys playing croquet in a graveyard in the middle of the night?
Because it is easier than archery.
What do you see in those Shadows?
Illumination, inspiration, and someone called bob!
What are your opinions on reality?
Have you ever been to the moon?
Oh yes, but not in the biblical sense of course.
I have none, I've never been subject to it.

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Pinch
Monty
croquet with the Damned
Another Strange Interview
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What are you listening to?
Listen for yourself.
Well?
hmmm, that's either John Cage's 4'33" or your batteries are flat.

What is this?
It's a device for reducing rock stars' egos. Invented by Kiss' roadies in 1936, I believe.
Why are you up in that tree?
I'm looking for my mind, I'm sure it's floated off up here somewhere.
Have you seen it? It's purple and triangular and smells of seaweed...
What is your favorite boring thing to do?
Oh, I love to feed the ducks. I'm sure I must have been one in a previous life.
This plant is poisonous to the touch- it's moody and it sulks. Its appetite's voracious, its bad breath quite outrageous, you can't stroke it because it bites, and it only blooms at night.
It's grown too big for my room I call it bloom and gloom. On moonlight cemetery walks it makes strange noises and it talks.
It's difficult to train him and you'll never even tame him, but he's loyal, steadfast, and true and dear Emily, I'm giving him to you.
Wow!

What's the hurry?
Got to keep in time.
BRIAN
RIP MELODY LEE
A DOZEN GIRLS
BM
BP
RAT
RR
BILLY BAD BREAKS (DIED OF A BROKEN NECK)
What are you doing?
What's your name, kid?
Emiwee... ga goo goo, gnaw ga.
Digging up an old friend.
What would you put into a nice cup of tea to turn it into a Strange Brew?
Why... Strangers of course.
A nibsworth of ink from the pens of Edgar Allen Poe, Charles Addams, & Edward Gorey.
Venusian cucumber flaming moon chilies and amoeba extract.
Frank Zappa.
A close friend, to give it body.

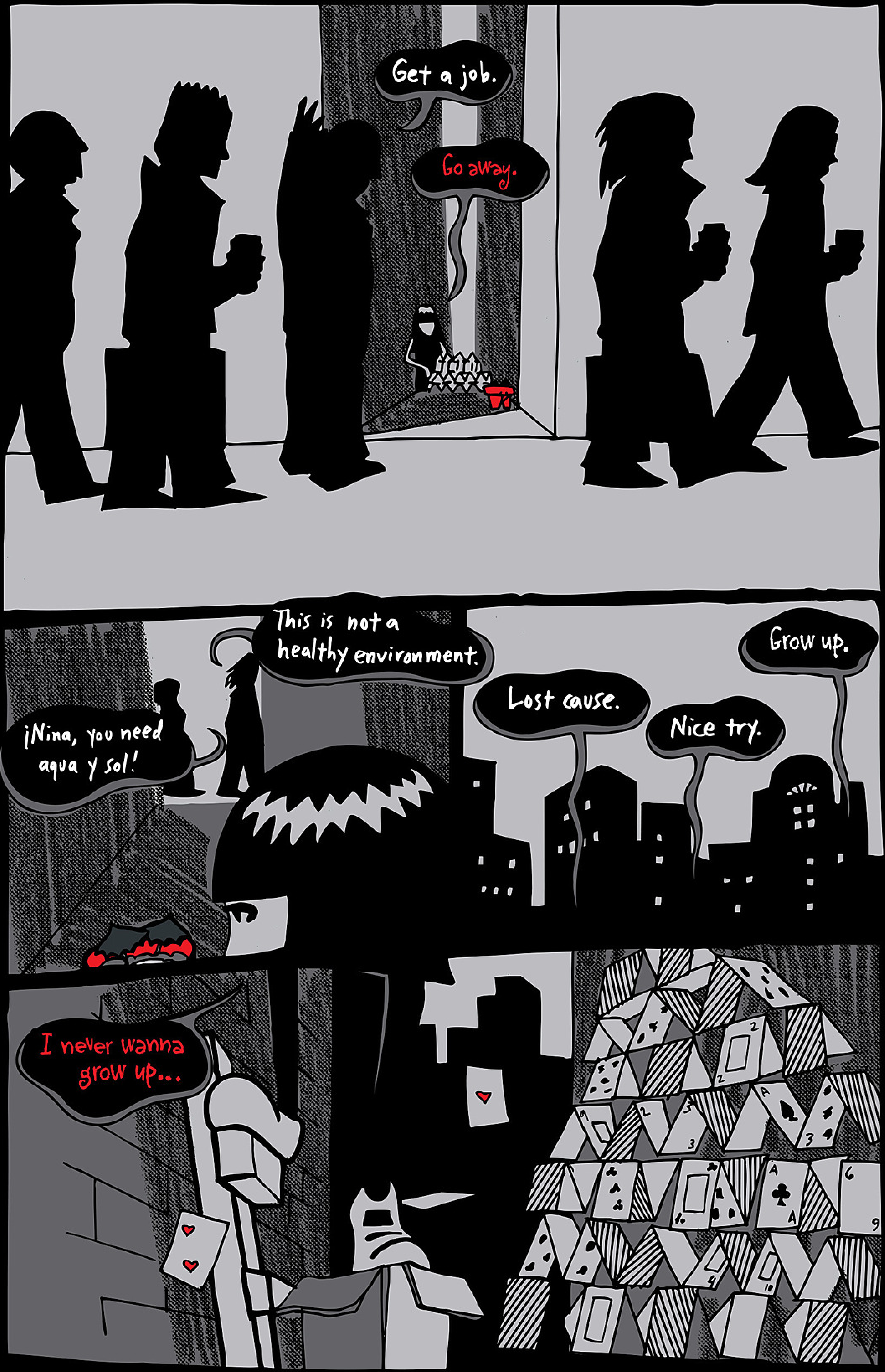
Wait for the blackout at OfficialDamned.com!

(The Damned's answers were actual replies to Emily's queries)

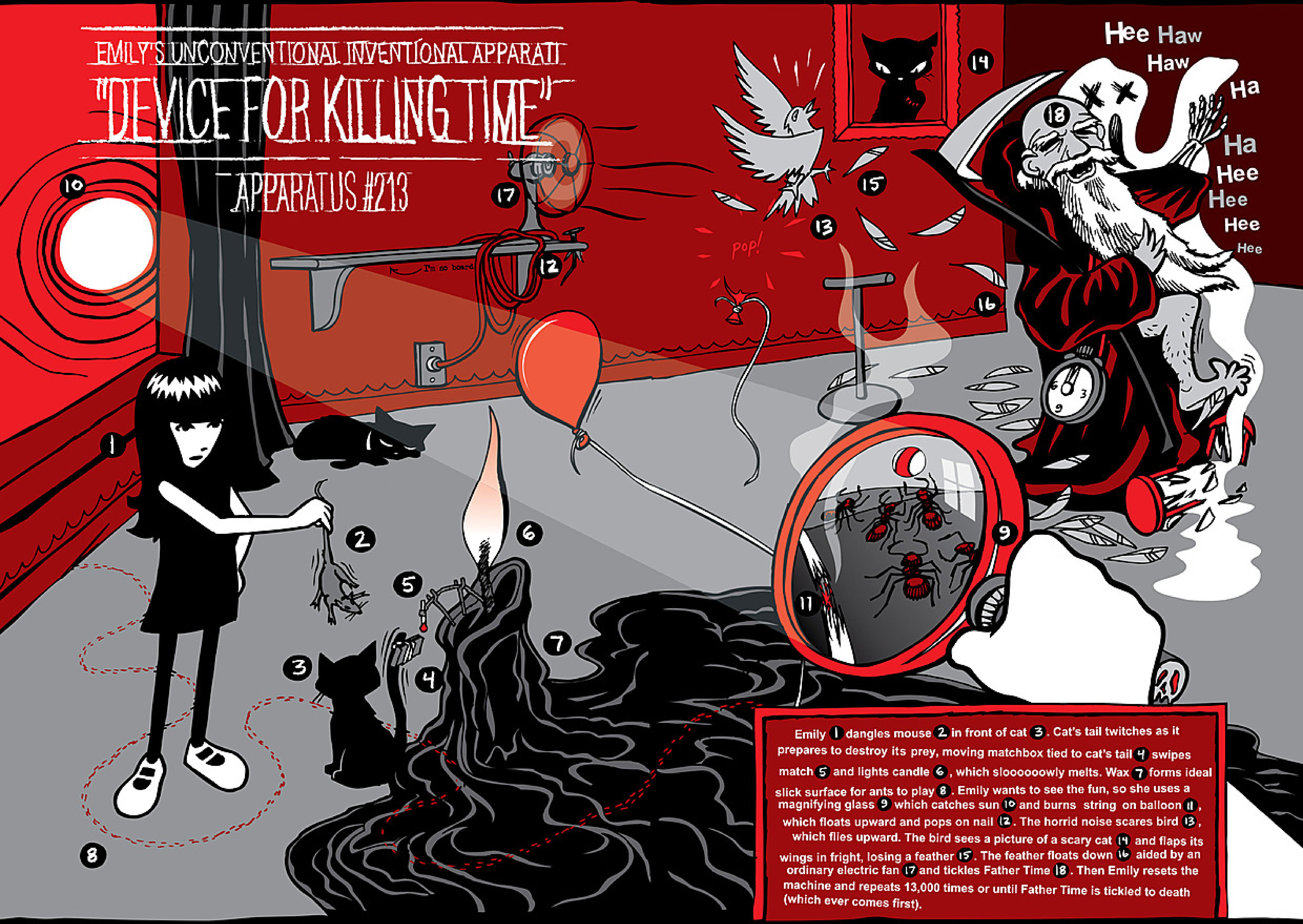
GROW'N UP?

WAITS WAY

Your plant needs sunlight.
And water.
Grrrrr...
You're wasting your time.
That'll never work!

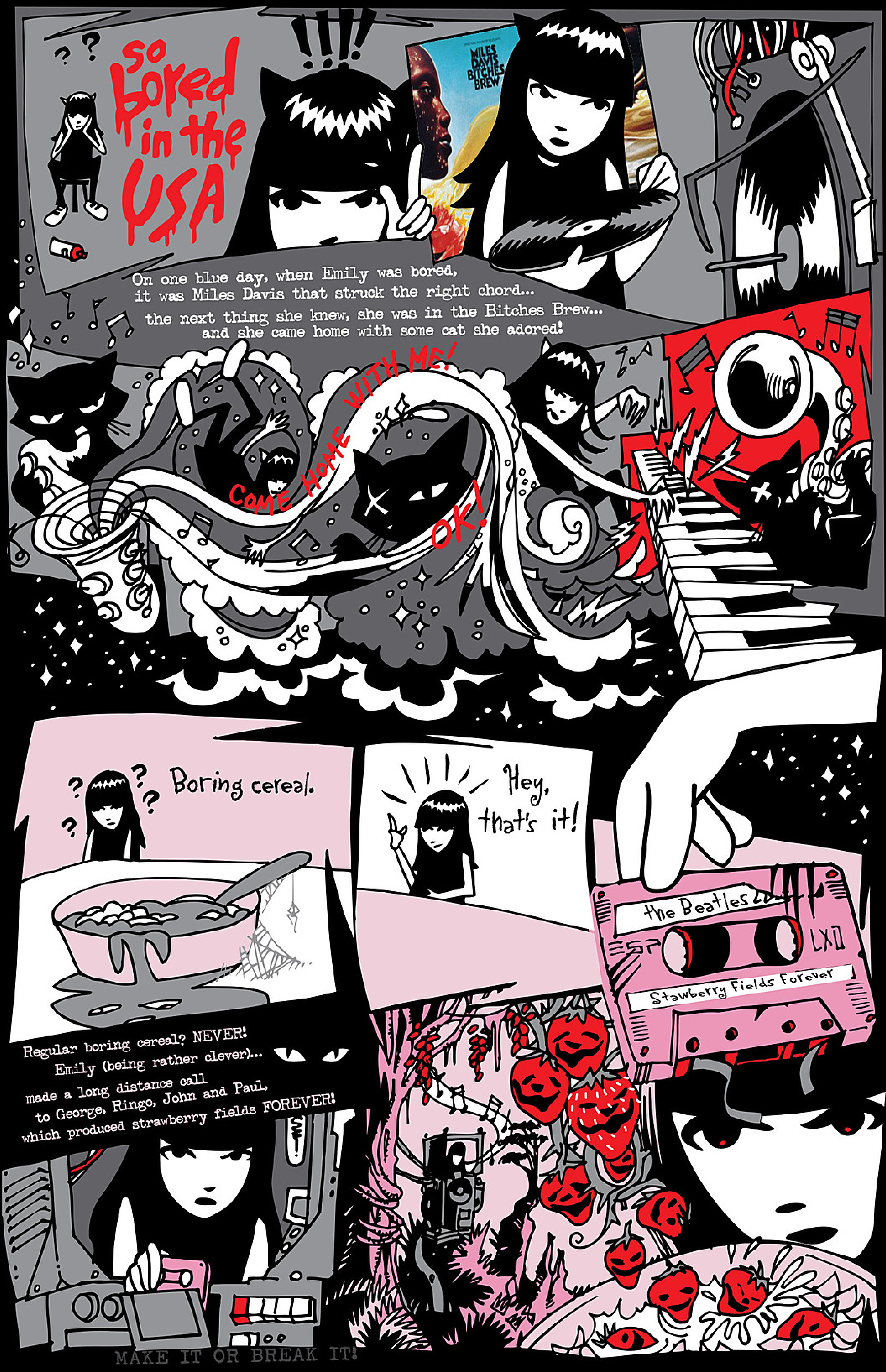

Get a job.
Go away.
This is not a healthy environment.
¡Nina, you need aqua y sol!
Lost cause.
Nice try.
Grow up.
I never wanna grow up...

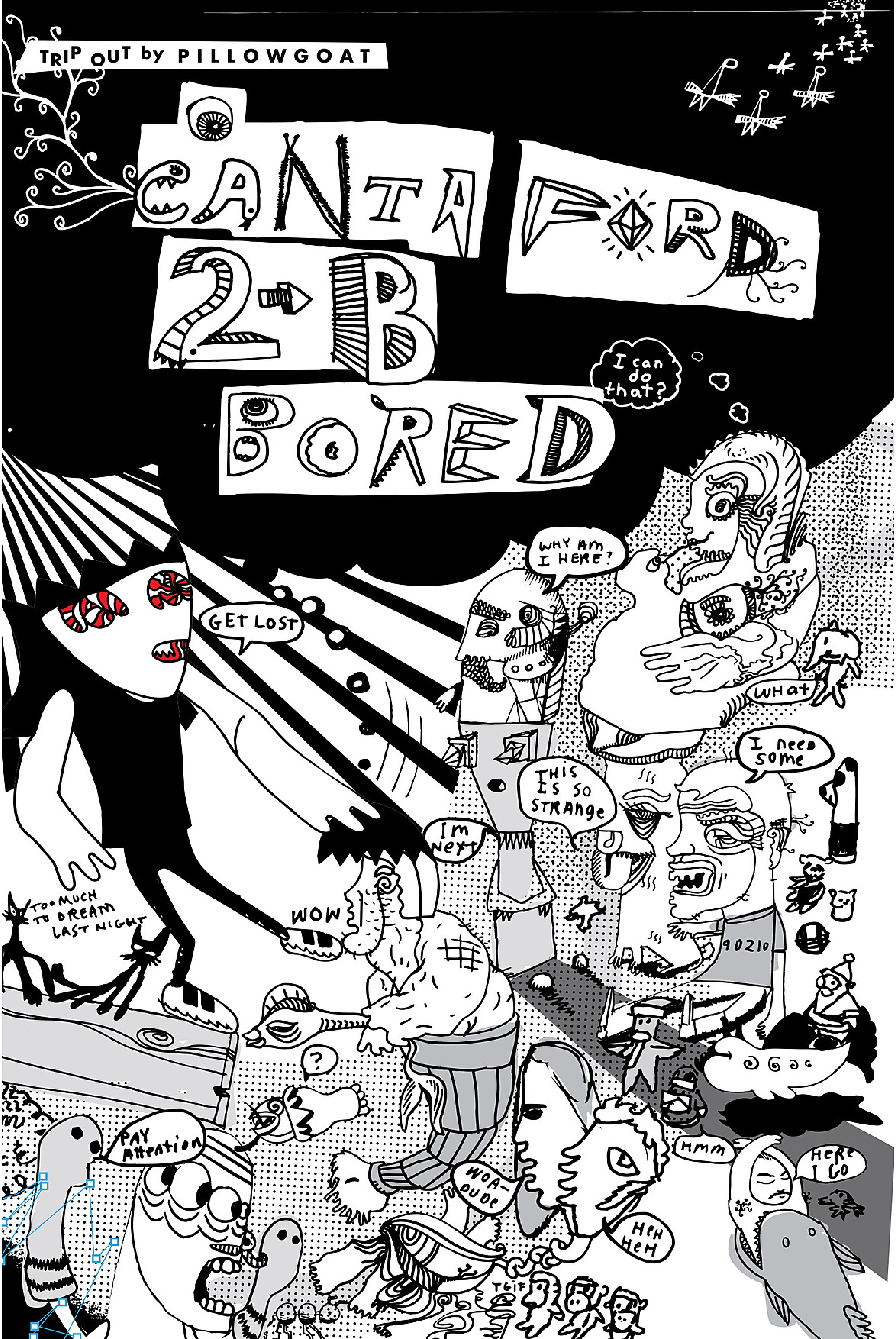
I'M GROWING DOWN!
No grown-ups allowed!



EMILY'S UNCONVENTIONAL INVENTIONAL APPARATI
"DEVICE FOR KILLING TIME"
APPARATUS #213
Hee Haw
Haw
Ha
Ha
Hee
Hee
Hee
Hee
pop!
Emily 1 dangles mouse 2 in front of cat 3. Cat's tail twitches as it prepares to destroy its prey, moving matchbox tied to cat's tail 4 swipes match 5 and lights candle 6, which slooooooowly melts. Wax 7 forms ideal slick surface for ants to play 8. Emily wants to see the fun, so she uses a magnifying glass 9 which catches sun 10 and burns string on balloon 11, which floats upward and pops on nail 12. The horrid noise scares bird 13, which flies upward. The bird sees a picture of a scary cat 14 and flaps its wings in fright, losing a feather 15. The feather floats down 16 aided by an ordinary electric fan 17 and tickles Father Time 18. Then Emily resets the machine and repeats 13,000 times or until Father Time is tickled to death (which ever comes first).

Emily's Time Out Machine
On one god-awful boring day,
Emily uncovered and discovered an inventive way...
That re-invents, interpolates, and imaginizes,
To visit strange worlds through her boring appliances...
Out of this world into a movie, book, song, or land...
Into the real, imaginative, and what no one can understand.
What you'll see in these strange places is up to you,
As you supply the source that tells the machine what to do.
You can sample anything,
from fossils to the gum on your shoe...
To keep you from being bored,
there's nothing this machine won't do.
Strange Brew...
2 tons Smashed grapes!
????
Emily didn't know what she should do.
She needed tons of juice for her Strange Brew.
The she remembered her boots...
which took her back to her roots,
and the punks became the stompin' crew.
Strange Brew.


? ?
so bored in the USA
!!!!
MILES DAVIS BITCHES BREW
On one blue day, when Emily was bored,
it was Miles Davis that struck the right chord...
the next thing she knew, she was in the Bitches Brew...
and she came home with some cat she adored!
COME HOME WITH ME!
OK!
Boring cereal.
Hey, that's it!
the Beatles
Stawberry Fields Forever
Regular boring cereal? NEVER!
Emily (being rather clever)...
made a long distance call
to George, Ringo, John and Paul,
which produced strawberry fields FOREVER!
MAKE IT OR BREAK IT!


TRIP OUT by PILLOWGOAT
CANTA FORD 2-B BORED
I can do that?
WHY AM I HERE?
GET LOST
WHAT
I need some
THIS IS SO STRANGE
IM NEXT
WOW
TOO MUCH TO DREAM LAST NIGHT
90210
?
PAY Attention
HMM
HERE I GO
WOA-DUDE
HEH HEH
TGIF

It's HARD
is my BROKEN RECORD RECORD A RECORD BREAKER???
WHAT A vision?
WORK HARD FOR it
I'm SICK OF IT
THIS LINE IS TOO LONG
WHAT?
Remember your Lines
I cant STAND IT
WHAT is it?
I NEED A vision
is THIS A Test
YOU'RE NO HELP
I'm Feeling LOW
I'm BORED
RU MT
HOW R-U Doing?
WHAT SHOULD I SAY
We're ALMOST THERE
RUOK
I'm SO NERVOUS
OUT OF Site
I can't think..
Can I HAVE YOUR AUTOGRAPH
WOW
Dont BOTHER ME
We ARE ALL REAL STRANGE HERE
ORIGINAL BAD KITTY
pillowgoat

Good evening:
and welcome to...
Scarytale Theater
HAPPILY NEVER AFTER
The originals were boring
We fixed'm up.
Scary Tales
Sin dare lla
Welcome to our charming tale, the tale of a young girl's triumphant rise from the cinders of oppression.

Will she escape the mediocre clutches of her suburban stepfamily??? Read on, gentle reader...
There's the evil stepsister. Ohmigod, she's so odd!
Emily, why don't you stop that fooling around and come to the homecoming with us?
Umm, I have to finish sweeping the lawn.
I'd been captive for thirteen hours and I was out of my head with boredom.
Only a strict routine of filthy chores kept me from losing my mind in that hellhole...
CELLAR
...I had to escape their dungeon of torment!

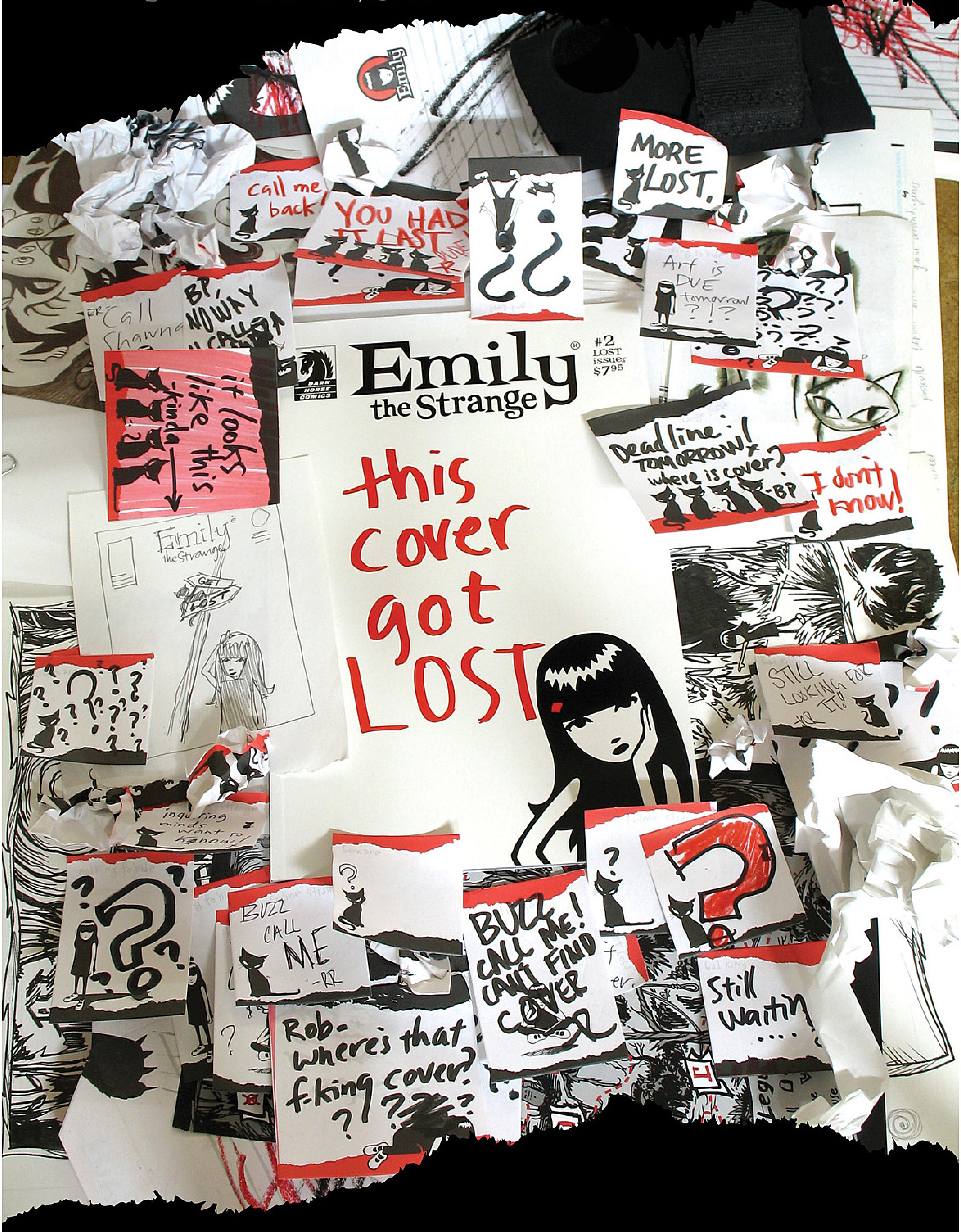
Emily, we'll make you a dress to wear to homecoming!
yeah!
It's— it's just perfect!
Perfect... for cleaning out the fireplace, that is!
Imagine Emily at homecoming! As if!

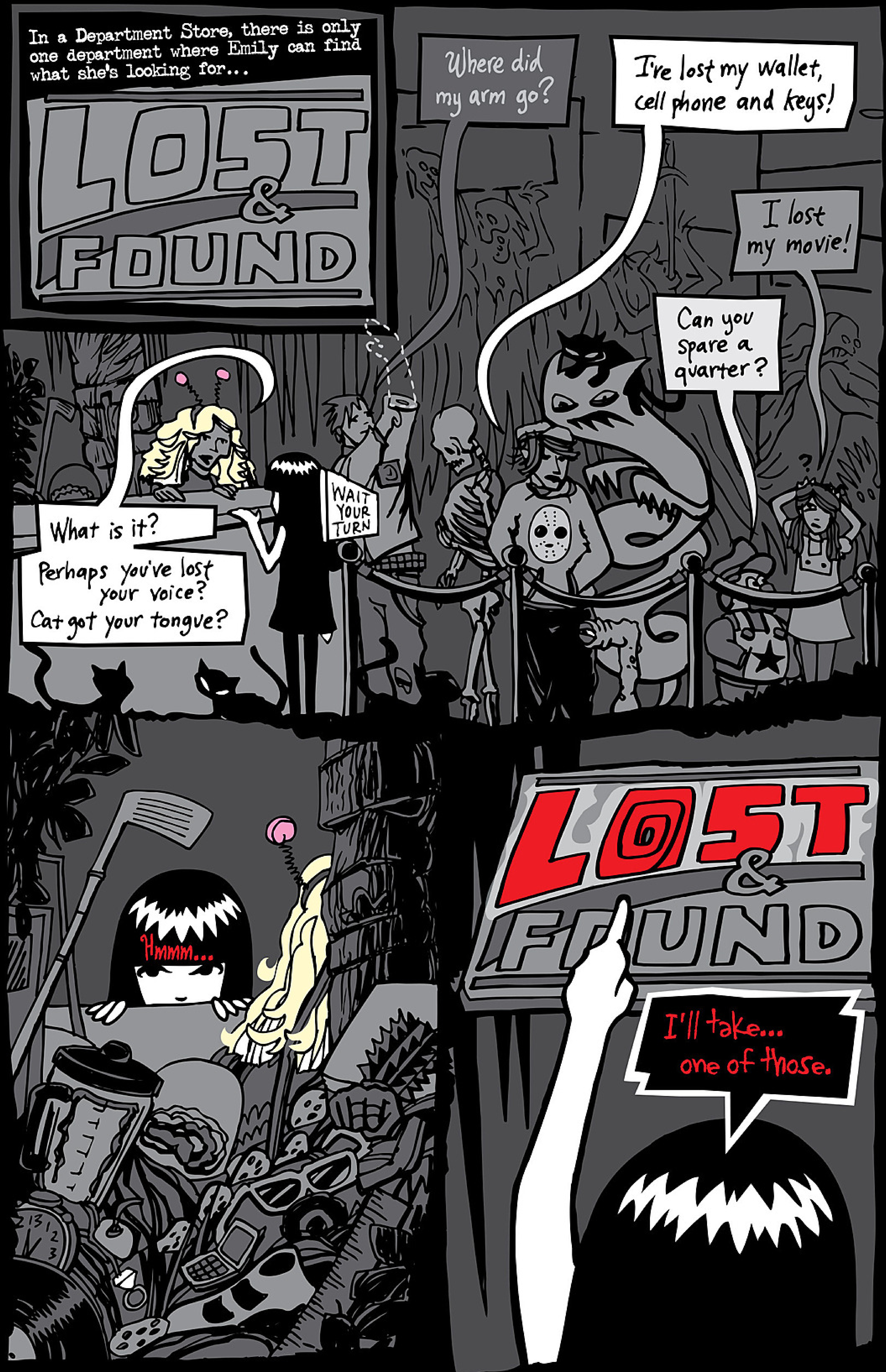
Much better!
Emily, why aren't you going to homecoming with your stepsisters?
Nothing to wear...

And that's how Emily discovered the hideous truth...
...her stepmother had NOT become a widow accidentally!
Emily, my only daughter! You are right, I was murdered!
You've got to help me take revenge!
It would be my pleasure!
Emily! Get these bags!

I'm just gonna give you the sweeps!
Revengeful Death Ash!
Nooo!
Thank you, Emily!
I may be ODD, but I always get EVEN!
See you next time, when you'll hear Emily say...
Scary Stuff
What? I said, see you next time.

Chapter 2 LOST



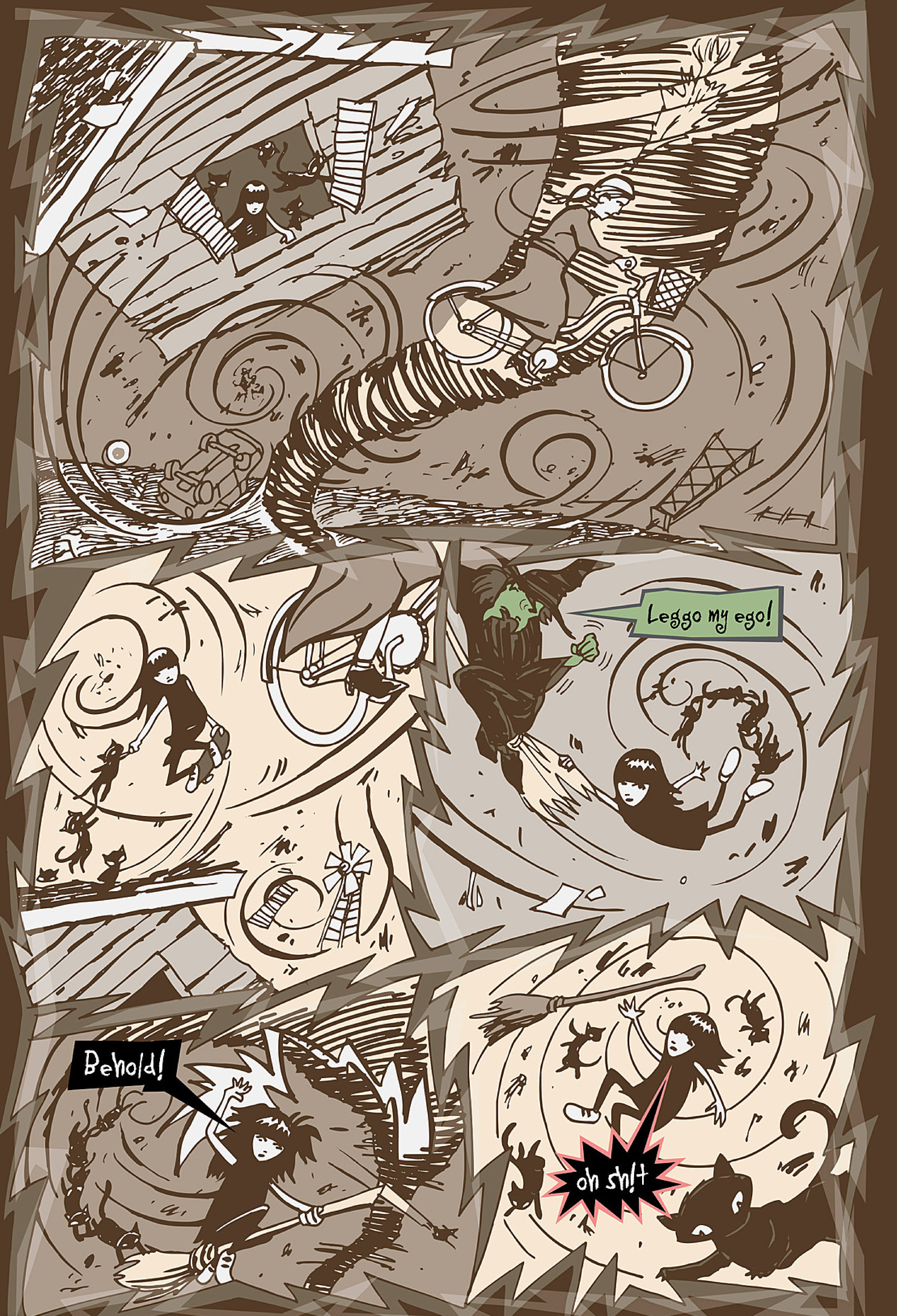

In a Department Store, there is only one department where Emily can find what she's looking for...
LOST & FOUND
Where did my arm go?
I've lost my wallet, cell phone and keys!
I lost my movie!
Can you spare a quarter?
WAIT YOUR TURN
What is it?
Perhaps you've lost your voice? Cat got your tongue?
Hmmm...
LOST & FOUND
I'll take... one of those.

the Lost Art of...
1 Drawing with your teeth
2 Chicken bone puppets
3 Monster taming
4 Chain Jigsaw puzzles

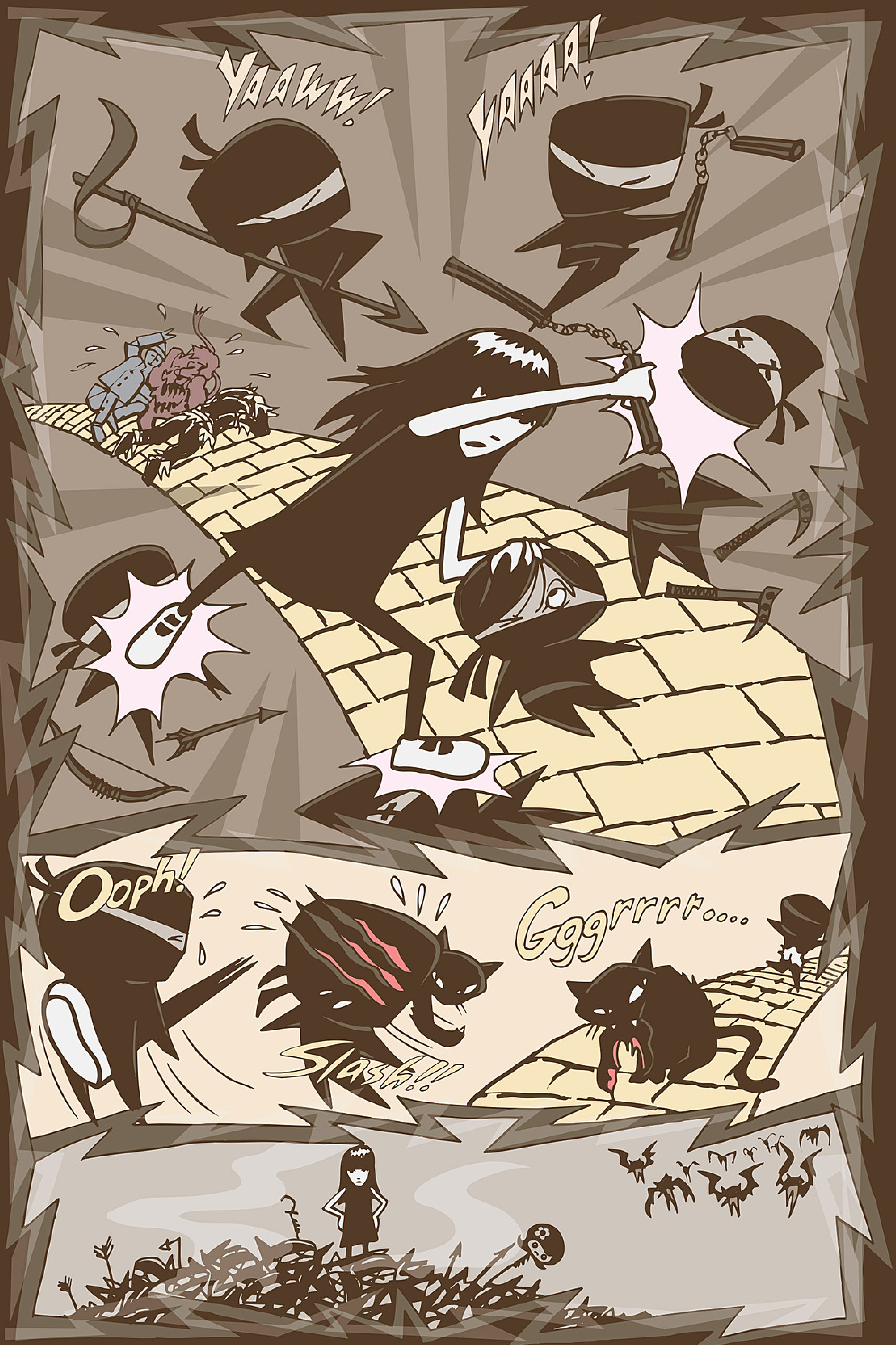
5
Smelting
DANGER
LIQUID BRONZE
NOT FOR USE BY
HUMANS
!!!!
Emily
6
Playing guitar on fire
with your teeth while choking
Cut open any
black-seeded fruit.
Pick any seed.
That's the color you
should wear today.
ADVICE BY Emily
?
7
Advice
8
X-treme clam-digging
9
Rorschach prophesy

10
Sweeping a floor
11
Drawing straws
You got the Creech!
YOU GUYS SUCK!
12
Throwing your voice
13
Getting lost (in thought)

And now, I reveal my latest invention!
Get lost in your favorite movie with a push of the button!
I present to you...
LOST-IN-O-VISION
12:59
Help me hook it up!
Let's get lost!
It's working!
THE WIZARD OF ODD
PLAY


Leggo my ego!
Behold!
oh sh!t

That scene sure got heavy.
Let's skip to the ninja fight!
PLAY
RRRRRR


Yaaww!
Yaaaa!
Ooph!
Gggrrrrr....
Slash!!!

Ahhhh!
THUMP!
As your reward for delivering these has-beens, please accept this bottle of our finest bubbly, on me.
sham pagne in the neck
Bubbly on you? I thought you'd never ask!

POP!
sham pagne in the neck
Buh bye...
...We're off to see the Wizard...

The Wonderful Blizzard of OZZ
I am Ozzy The Great and Terrible...
evil powers disappear
...and I can't find the f*©k!ng remote!
RUMBLE
SMASH!!
You're no wizard...
...but you ARE The Prince of Darkness. You're also late for dinner.
Sharon
Oh sh...
There's no place like home.
everyone's happy when the Wizard goes by!
That's not the way the movie ends!
It is now!
CLICK!

Some BEAUTY IS LOST on most people
"There is no excellent beauty that hath not some strangeness in the proportion."
– Sir Francis Bacon
Beauty is in the Eye of the Beholder
Inner Beauty
A mind is a beautiful thing to lose!
When beauty is lost, where does it go?
LOSERS
LOSERS
LOSERS
LOSERS
Have I lost you yet?
Beauty Pageant

Black is Beautiful
What do you do if you FIND lost beauty?
Is it yours to keep?
black bird
black ball
Get Lost
black widow
black hole
black rose
black ants
BLACK FLAG
EVERYTHING WENT BLACK
prince
metallica
Black Sabbath
black candles
The Black Album
black albums
BACK IN BLACK
AC/DC
STRANGE BREW
black licorice
black coffee
Beauty and the Beast
black eye
black cherries
Are all lost kitties really lost?
black cats
black list
black licorice
black albums
black widows
black bird
black hole
black ball
"The first question I ask myself
when something doesn't seem to be beautiful
is why do I think it's not beautiful.
And very shortly you discover
that there is no reason." – John Cage

LOSTCO
13 pound bag of ultra super premium organic cat food.
FREE?? Sounds too good to be true!
SPECIAL OFFER Ends Soon!
You won't find our deals anywhere else!
MASSIVE Warehouse Blowout Sale
Membership required.
LOSTCO
JAPAN DRIVER LICENSE
MULLET SOCIETY
FREE MASON
BOYS CLUB
ACE
HOME REPO
LOSTCO MEMBER
Luckily, I'm already a member... hee hee hee!
Wow, I didn't know there was a hobo camp for cars here!
Ma'am? I lost my mommy and my puppy and my blanky! Can I cut in front of you?
Awww, go ahead, little girl. You get right on in here.

This ID looks funny. Looks like I'll have to summon store security.
Yes, Actually, it's just strange. You may enter.
Great, now where's the cat food?
JERK
PANIC
Actually... it's not funny, it's strange!
You are... here.
LENTILS
WALLS
NOTIONS
YELLOW STUF
CATFOOD
UNDRIES
MISC
JERK
And you'll need to try and make it over here. Good luck! It's on aisle 33, row 9, sector 14A, in the Free Samples Department.
...and you'll need a cart!
HEY!
THIEF!
CARTS

SUGAR
CEREAL
FOAM
OK, thirty aisles to go.
All I wanted was was a Pepsi!
I still can't find Subsector A!
I saved $1.42
RECYCLED CAR SOAP
BULK ASPIRIN
MORE JUNK
Just 76 rows to go!
PILLOWGOAT SPECIAL
TOENAIL TOOLS
GAS POWERED CARPET FLUFFERS
EXTRA
INDUSTRIAL SIZE COTTON SWABS
DISPOSABLE DIAMONDS
LOLLIPOP INC
REUSABLE DIAPERS
All I need is cat food, just some cat food.
GOT HOBO CAMPS?
Ah yes, hobo camps in here too. It does sound good to rest.
Don't stop! Don't rest! If you sleep, you'll die!
All Lost in the Supermarket Can no longer shop happily.
HOBO FIREPLACE

FREEZE ZONE
ICE COLD WRENCHES
FROZEN TIRES
ROOFING SUPPLIES
FROG ICE
Jeez, I need to chill out!
BEAR CLAWS
VALUES
NOTIONS
Curiouser and curiouser...
CLOTHING DEPT
Hey! I think I see ...

FREE SAMPLES!
Out of my way!
Chocolate Meat!
Microwave Bacon and Eggs!!
Goat Pockets!
Tandoori Lint!
Are you trying to make me lose my lunch??
No thanks.
nope.
No way.
Mmmmm... LUNCH!!
Taco Flavored Bubble Tea!
Pineapple Gravy!
FREE!
Oatmeal Salsa!
Candied Arugula!
I want it all!

Aha! I smell cat food coming from Sector 5G! Fargin' outdated maps!
Just what I needed!
Organ-Ick NT
FINE PRINT: Organ-Ick™ is the brand you can trust- trust to only use internal organs of only dead organisms. Organ-Ick™ finally a corporate brand that is here to take out the few remaining farmers- and bring back some much needed pesticides and bio engineering and patentable crops, land, air and water. We didn't want to own everything- It just is working out that way! Our goal is to make edible product which taste just like food. All Ogan-Ick™ edible units are backed by a twenty minute guarentee- it is guarenteed to stay down for twenty minutes- or a full value replacement. Organ Ick™ "Is it in you, yet?"
LOOK OUT!!
Only the best free icky organs for my cats!

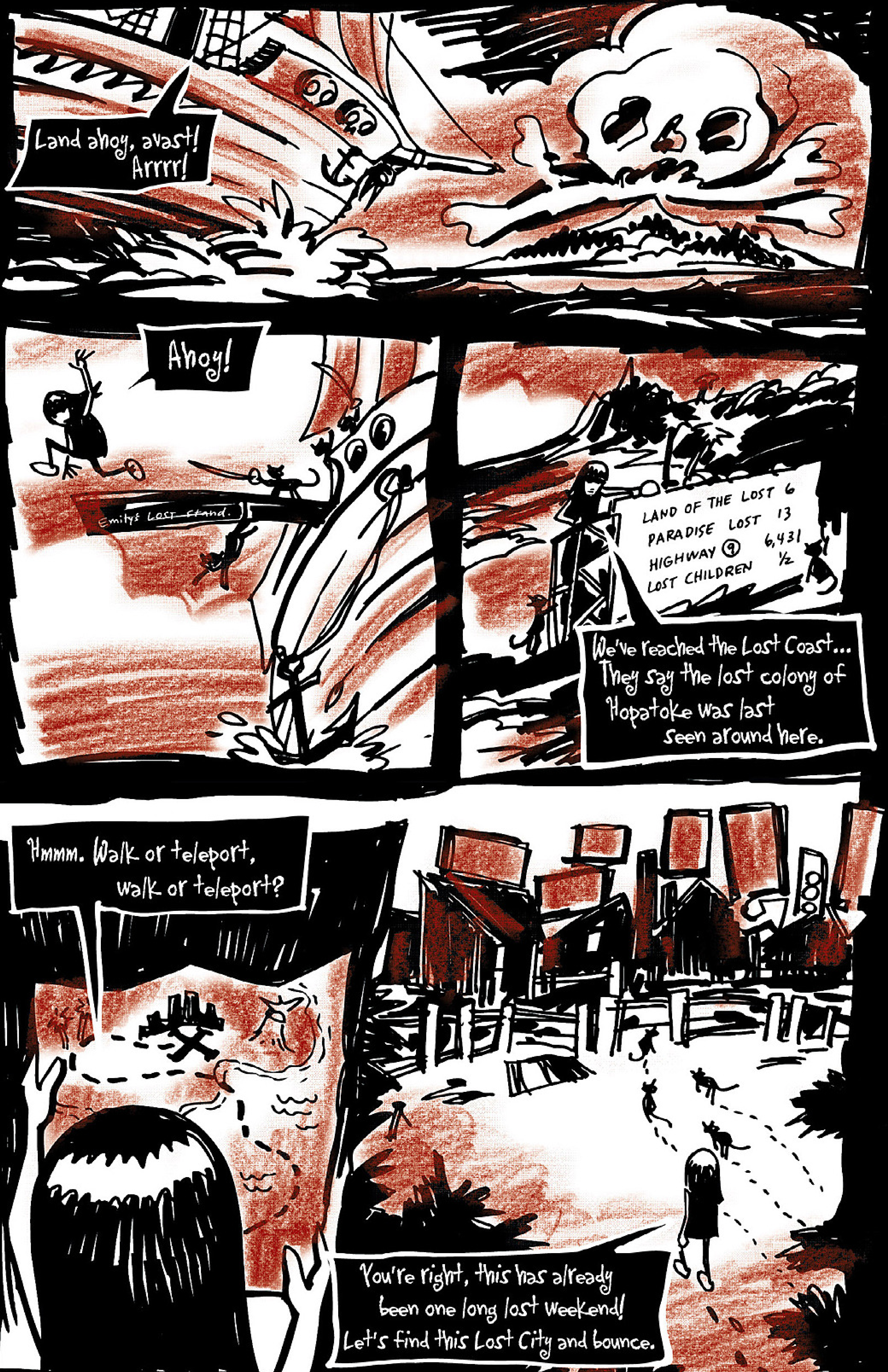
Hey! Who put all this chonky crap in my cart?? I'm not buying this gub!
They just appear when you take samples. It's like some kind of sinister...
MAGIC!
Lostco Security!
Don't take the Samples! THEY'RE EVIL!
I've got to ditch this cart and get to the cat food!
XTREME ROCK GEAR

But the coupon says the voice activated doorstop is FREE!?!
But this coupon is void, ma'am, so that'll be $66.99.
FREE
ice Activated
oorstop
void if cut out. Not
ble at all locations. Not
ntil 2042. Good only on
umbered Tuesdays in
s beginning with H. Void
redemption.
FREE
Organ-Ick MT Cat Fud
Coupon void if cut out. Not redeemable at all locations. Not valid until 2042. Good only on even-numbered Tuesdays in months beginning with H. Void upon redemption.
Yeah! These coupons are all the same!
That's it, I'm outta this place.
MAY I SEE YOUR RECEIPT, MISS?
I don't have one.
SORRY. CAN'T LEAVE WITHOUT SHOWING A RECEIPT.
But I didn't buy anything.
DIDN'T BUY ANYTHING?
INTOLERABLE!
SEND HER DOWN FOR RE-CODING!
?
Sixteen hours later...
WELCOME-TO-LOSTCO-PLEASE-HAVE-YOUR-ID-READY-!
YOU-CAN-CHECK-OUT-ANY-TIME-YOU-LIKE...
PANIC
...BUT YOU CAN NEVER LEAVE!

Lost City
Lost keys stay lost.
Lost goat, sorry, no room in the attic for you.
Lost marbles, got enough.
Nothing like chewing gum on a string for finding lost treasures!
N
W S
E
Wicked! Someone lost their treasure map!
This could be the find of a lifetime... The Lost City!
74

Aboard the SS Lost Ark...
The Lost Ark

Lost at Sea
First, I lost my way.
And now I've lost the will to go on!
You've got to help us! We've been lost on that island for decades! The film crews stopped coming long ago! Please don't leave us!
And I'll be so grateful, I'll tell you stories every night about my hilarious misadventures sabotaging the escape attempts of my hapless companions!
Some people don't understand. I search to be lost!
Ugh! You can stay lost!
!?@#%?!


Land ahoy, avast! Arrrr!
Ahoy!
Emily's Lost Stand.
LAND OF THE LOST 6
PARADISE LOST 13
HIGHWAY 9 6,431
LOST CHILDREN ½
We've reached the Lost Coast... They say the lost colony of Hopatoke was last seen around here.
Hmmm. Walk or teleport, walk or teleport?
You're right, this has already been one long lost weekend! Let's find this Lost City and bounce.

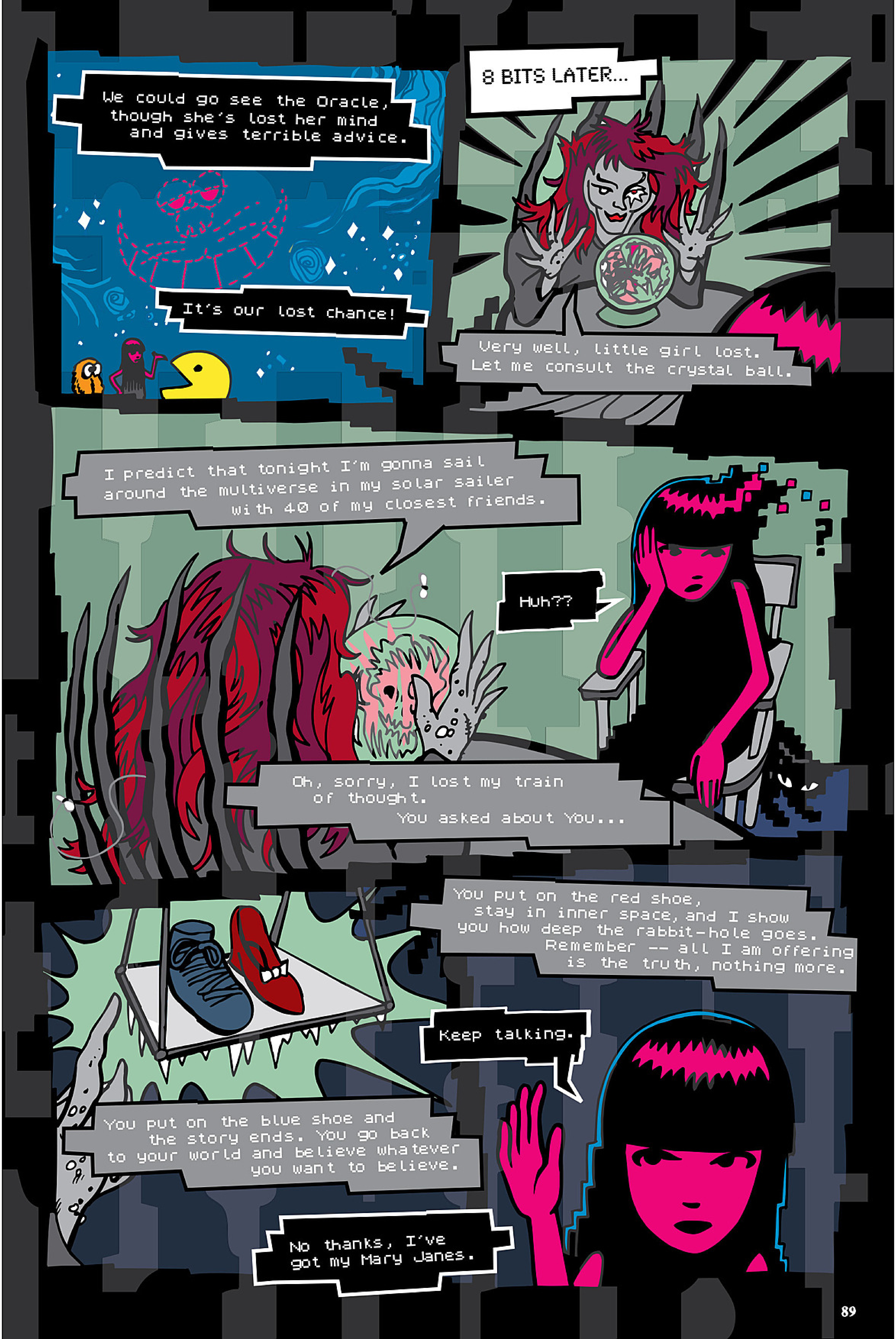
Insert cash...
Look into camera and smile
insert more cash...
POOM!
TELEPORT
We did it! We found Atlantis!
Don't want to lose this.

So that's where my chewing gum on a string went! I thought I'd lost you forever!
Wait a minute! This map has been folded stuck the whole time?
All this time, the Lost City was only Atlanta?
RRRIPP!
I should've kept the goat!

LOST IN SPACE
LOST SCENES FROM LOST IN SPACE
Cool, just one more Lost scene to write...
Oh no!
Strange brew on the Oddisee! I'll lose my story!
HISSSSSSS
SPACE
ZOT!
ZZZZzzz...

Aiieeee
Down with Technology!
"Are you lost, little girl?"
"CAN YOU HELP US FIND OUR WAY?"
I can't be Lost in Space??
You're lost all right, but this is INNER SPACE!
"WE GOT LOST IN OBLIVION!"

Well, keep up if you want. But let's not lose any time here.
I've got a story to write.
@!?#@
I've lost my patience with this place. Anyone got any bright ideas?


We could go see the Oracle, though she's lost her mind and gives terrible advice.
It's our lost chance!
8 BITS LATER...
Very well, little girl lost. Let me consult the crystal ball.
I predict that tonight I'm gonna sail around the multiverse in my solar sailer with 40 of my closest friends.
Huh??
Oh, sorry, I lost my train of thought. You asked about You...
You put on the red shoe, stay in inner space, and I show you how deep the rabbit-hole goes. Remember -- all I am offering is the truth, nothing more.
Keep talking.
You put on the blue shoe and the story ends. You go back to your world and believe whatever you want to believe.
No thanks, I've got my Mary Janes.

You're a lost cause, kid. But at least you didn't lose your integrity.
And for that, I'm sending you home!
POOF!
Strange. I seem to have lost a minute somewhere.
Wait a minute!
Where'd my minute go?
Oh, I remember!
I hit the spacebar and got lost in inner space...
That's the last time I'm touching that thing!

Emily the Strange

lose their souls. . . . . .FREE
http://www.EmilyStrange.com

BE A REAL LOSER!

Do you really read all this stuff? Well I hope you aren't paying for it too! (just read it at the store and save some $ for the useless crap on this page) Just in case you didn't already pay the $7.95 cover price, send us some money so we can properly label you.
No. 1372 Emily Comic. $9.95
No. 1318 Loser Badge. . . . . 25¢

LOSE WEIGHT GUARANTEED

Just take off all those silly clothes you have on and you'll shed 5-10 pounds right now! Who cares what you weigh anyway? Badvice aint free... so pay up sucka!
No. 1398 Tip the Scale. . . . . 95¢

GET LOST IN EXOTIC LANDS

Need a Travel Agent that can get you LOST in strange and foreign lands? Heaven? Hell? No Problem! Lost Vegas, Lost Angeles, Bermuda Triangle? Good riddance! We're glad you won't be coming back!

Heaven*...$163.00
Hell*...$263.00
Bermuda Triangle*...........................$363.00
Lost Angeles*.....................................$263.00
Lost Vegas*..$363.00
In-A-Gadda-Da-Vida*........................$663.00
La Vida Loca*.....................................$863.00
Kizmiaz..$963.00
City of Lost Children*.....................$1063.00

Have A Bad Trip. . . . . . .1-800-GET LOST
*one way trips only. Agent Strange

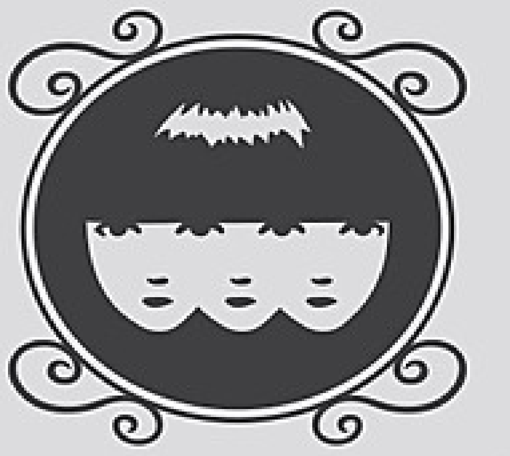
LOST YOUR MIND?

Well what do you want us to do about it? You are probably better off without it. Even if we could find it, we wouldn't return it to you!

No. 1328 No Brain, No Pain. . . . .$.53

ARTISTIC LICENSE

With this you will have the power to create your own LIFE. Good Luck!
Artistic License
No. 1309 . . . .$25



LOST and FOUND

Here's a book that tells you exactly what everyone else has lost (and where) so YOU can go claim it back as your own for FREE! We have LOTS of LOST for the taking! Other peoples minds, Comic Book covers, souls, movies, cell phonies, arms, Atlantis, sporting events, countries, money, dirty diapers, vision, hair, frogs, wheelchairs!............. You name it and someone has likely lost it!

Finders Keepers. . .$0
Free $. $65.95
Book of Lost $25.50

DEATH CERTIFICATE

Give away this "official" certificate to those who need a healthy reminder that they will in fact someday lose their life and die! GUARANTEED! or you will get your precious money back*
Dead Serious No. 1399. . . . . 95¢

*proof of eternal existence required in advance for full refund

WHICH IS WITCH???

With this amazing looking glass you will have the power of the Evil Eye. You will see which is witch! Witches will not appear in looking glass... Will your friends?

No. 1337. Looking Glass $125

GET LOST

Ever want to just GET LOST ??? Well now you can - with this amazing device that will poof you away from any unwanted situation.
No. 1319. . . . $ 13.00

BOYS ARE SO STUPID

Boy oh Boy! when it comes to stupidity, my money's on the boys. Do they try to be so stupid or does it come naturally? more info:
No. 1304 . . . . . $ .75

WIZARD BONG

Soooo..... You wanna IMPRESS your friends? This isn't it! One use and you'll LOSE every friend you've got. Ceramic
No. 420 . . . . . . $25

GOOD KITTY GONE BAD

Whether you are a good kitty or a BAD KITTY, you could stand to be a little BADDER! Simply ignite this Ring of Fire and leap through with reckless abandon. We guarantee to put the 'bad' back in your bad-ass.

No. 1343. Ring of Fire $125

BE A CAT FIGHT CHAMP

Don't get mad, GET EVEN! When you feel the need to calmly back down, or reason with a difficult adversary, put on your fighting paws, and fight like a girl! Scratch your way to satisfaction. Make them the losers for a change!

No. 1398 Fighting Kitty $95

Good evening, and welcome back to...
Scarytale Theater
LOST IN THE WOODS
So Emily lived happily ever after...
...but the seven dwarves were brutally punished for their stupidity and were turned into garden gnomes.
THE END.
Scary Tales
And NOW, stay tuned as Emily gets
Lost in the Woods!
It was a bright and cheery morning...
...a perfect day to get lost in the spooky forest!

TRIP OUT ARTIST
ROB REGER

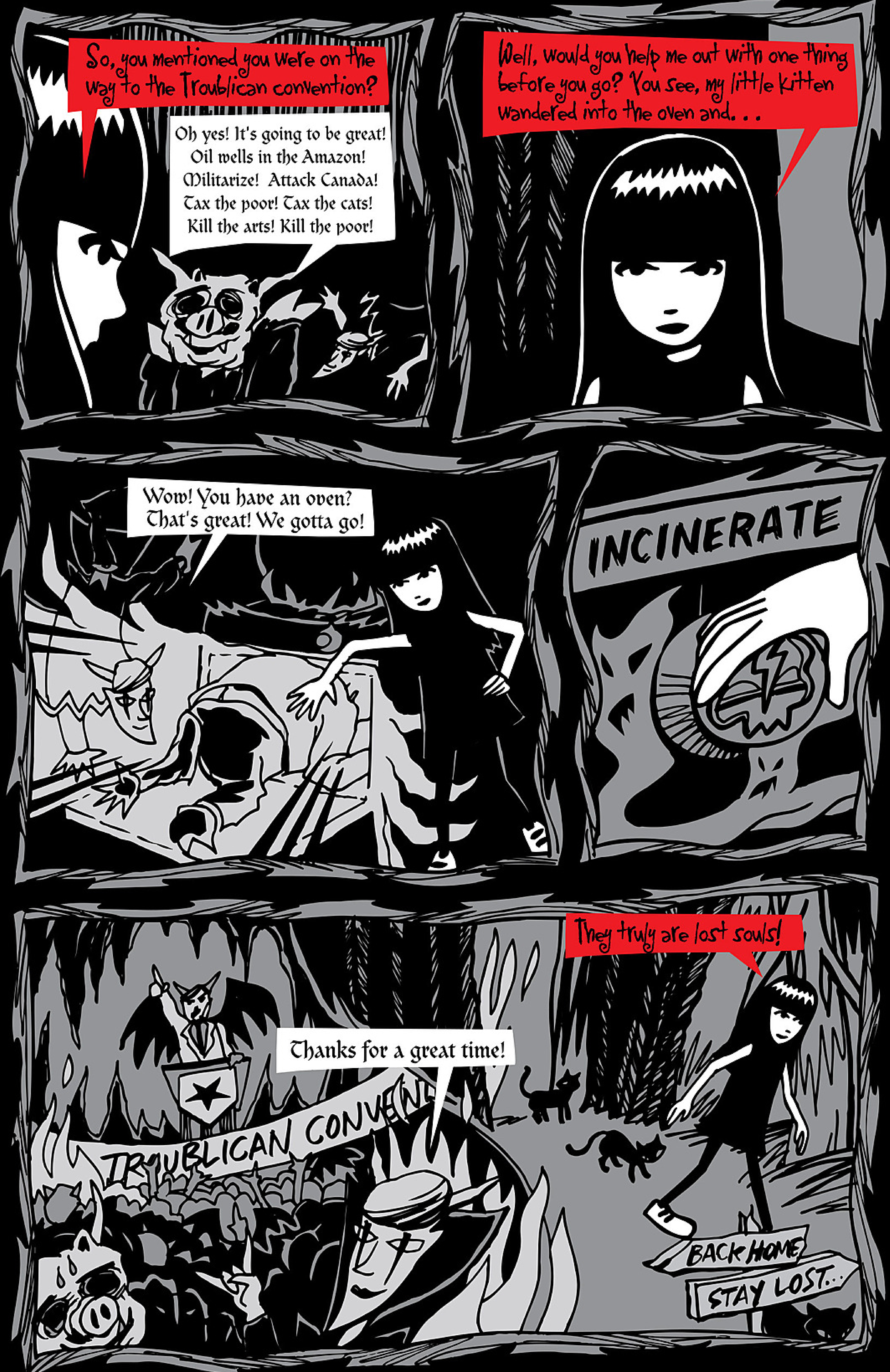
Map Legend
dead well
graveyard
lifeless tree
vultures
witch's house
gallows
@ other side

witch's house
Licorice House
MMMMMMM
Oh dear! I'll be late for the haunting!
woosshhhhh..

KNOCK KNOCK!
BOIL
BUBBLE
TOIL
TROUBLE
hell-o
hell-o
Yikes!

We're trying to get to the Troublican Convention!
We're lost!
Every witch way is lost! You can call me Auntie Emily. Now, why don't you come on in and have some...
...SOUP!
That was delicious, Auntie Em!
Why, thank you! The batblood was a little sweet tonight, but I made it nice and bitter with salamander toejam and vulture snot!
MMMMMMMMMM

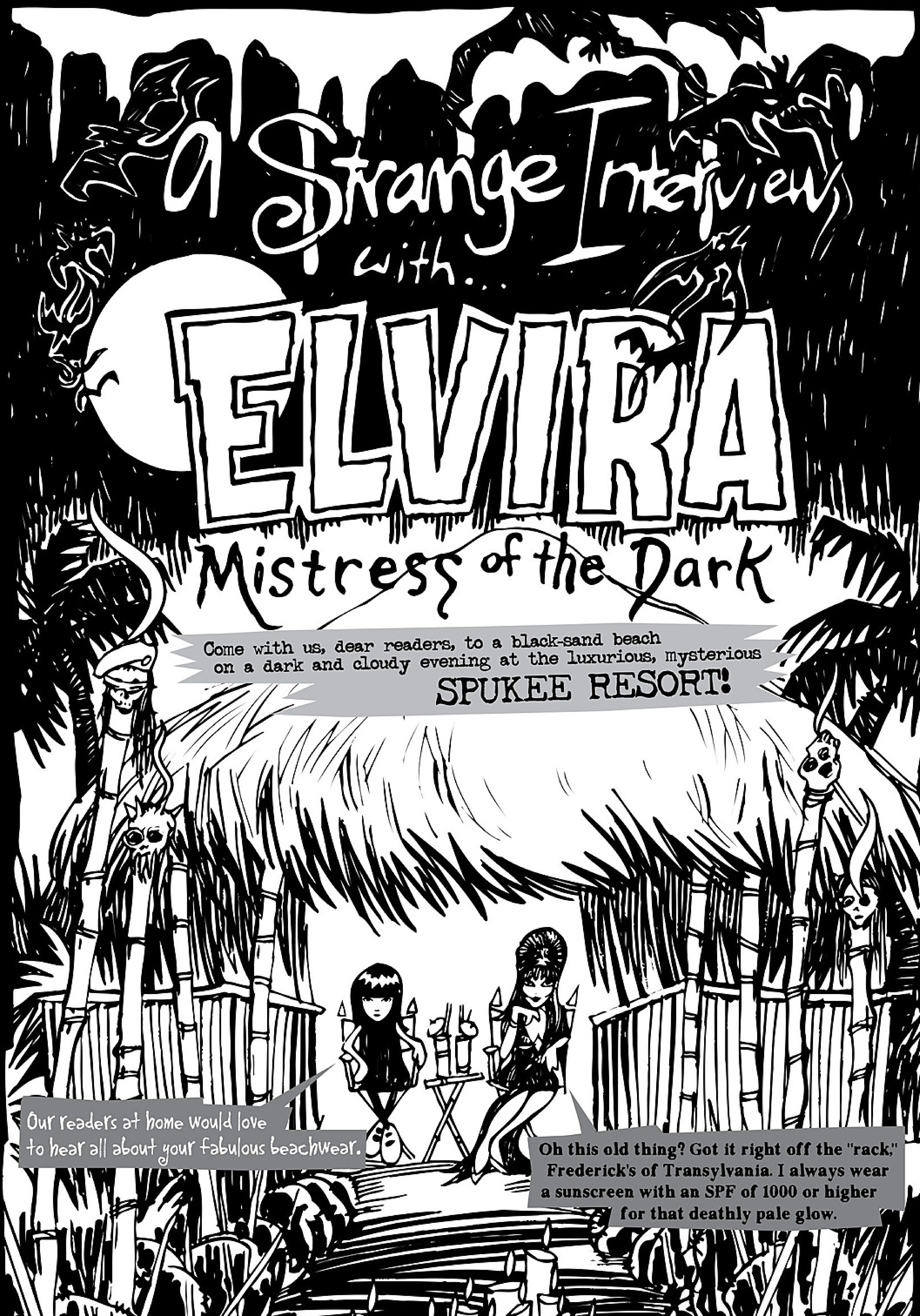
Well, lunch is over, want to play a fun game with my guillotine?
It's fun -- it kind of tickles.
Okay, now, everybody in.
Disclaimer
Emily the Strange has special powers that you do not have! Do not chop off legs with your home guillotine!
Ahahahahaha! You've lost your mind!
Oh Auntie Em, this is the most fun ever!
All right. That's enough chopping fun for one day, let's not lose our heads here!
I've got to get them out of here right away!


So, you mentioned you were on the way to the Troublican convention?
Oh yes! It's going to be great! Oil wells in the Amazon! Militarize! Attack Canada! Tax the poor! Tax the cats! Kill the arts! Kill the poor!
Well, would you help me out with one thing before you go? You see, my little kitten wandered into the oven and. . .
Wow! You have an oven? That's great! We gotta go!
INCINERATE
They truly are lost souls!
Thanks for a great time!
TROUBLICAN CONVENT
BACK HOME
STAY LOST..

Lost my Mind
Sabbath—
Where are you?
Miles, Mystery......
Neeeee Cheeeeeeee???
???
LOST

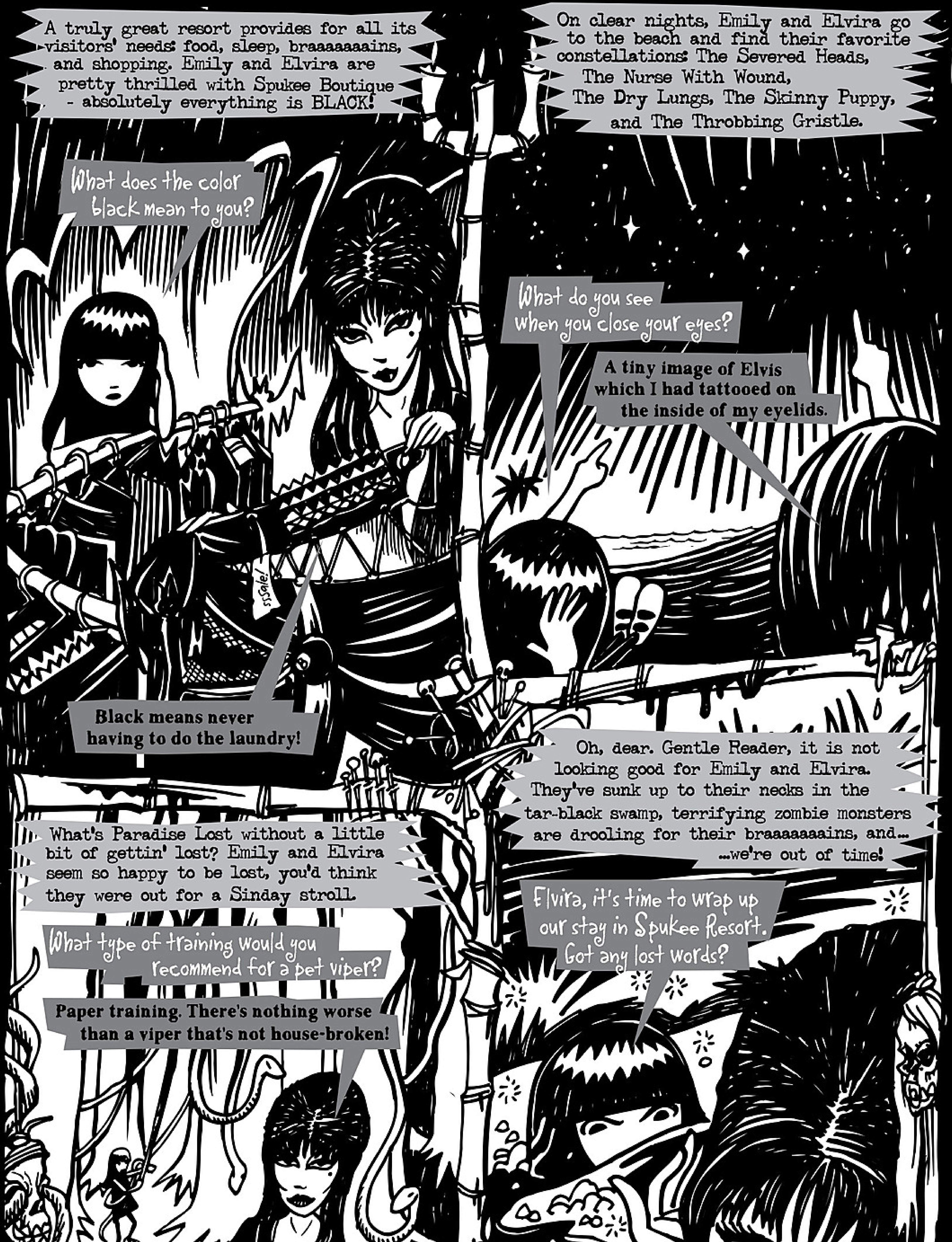
CHANK! CHANK!
Sabbath
LOST
LOST
Miles
LOST
neechee
Wh- where is my alarm clock?
LOST
CLOCK!
Where'd my plant grow?
LOST PLANT
Where are my record albums?
LOST
LED ZEPPELIN RECORDS
(Another lost plant.)
Where is my favorite cup?
COFFEE CUP
LOST
(searching high...
...searching low)

LOST
LOST POSTERS
LOST BOOKS
LOST MARBLE
CLOCK
PENS
CHEWING GUM LOST
WEBS LOST
LOST STAPLE GUN
THOUGHT
BED LOST
NAILS
LOST
LOST
The only thing Emily lost is her mind.
Yeah, we've been here all along. Loser.
Where's Emily??!?
LOST ART OF...


a Strange Interview
with...
ELVIRA
Mistress of the Dark
Come with us, dear readers, to a black-sand beach on a dark and cloudy evening at the luxurious, mysterious
SPUKEE RESORT!
Our readers at home would love to hear all about your fabulous beachwear.
Oh this old thing? Got it right off the "rack," Frederick's of Transylvania. I always wear a sunscreen with an SPF of 1000 or higher for that deathly pale glow.

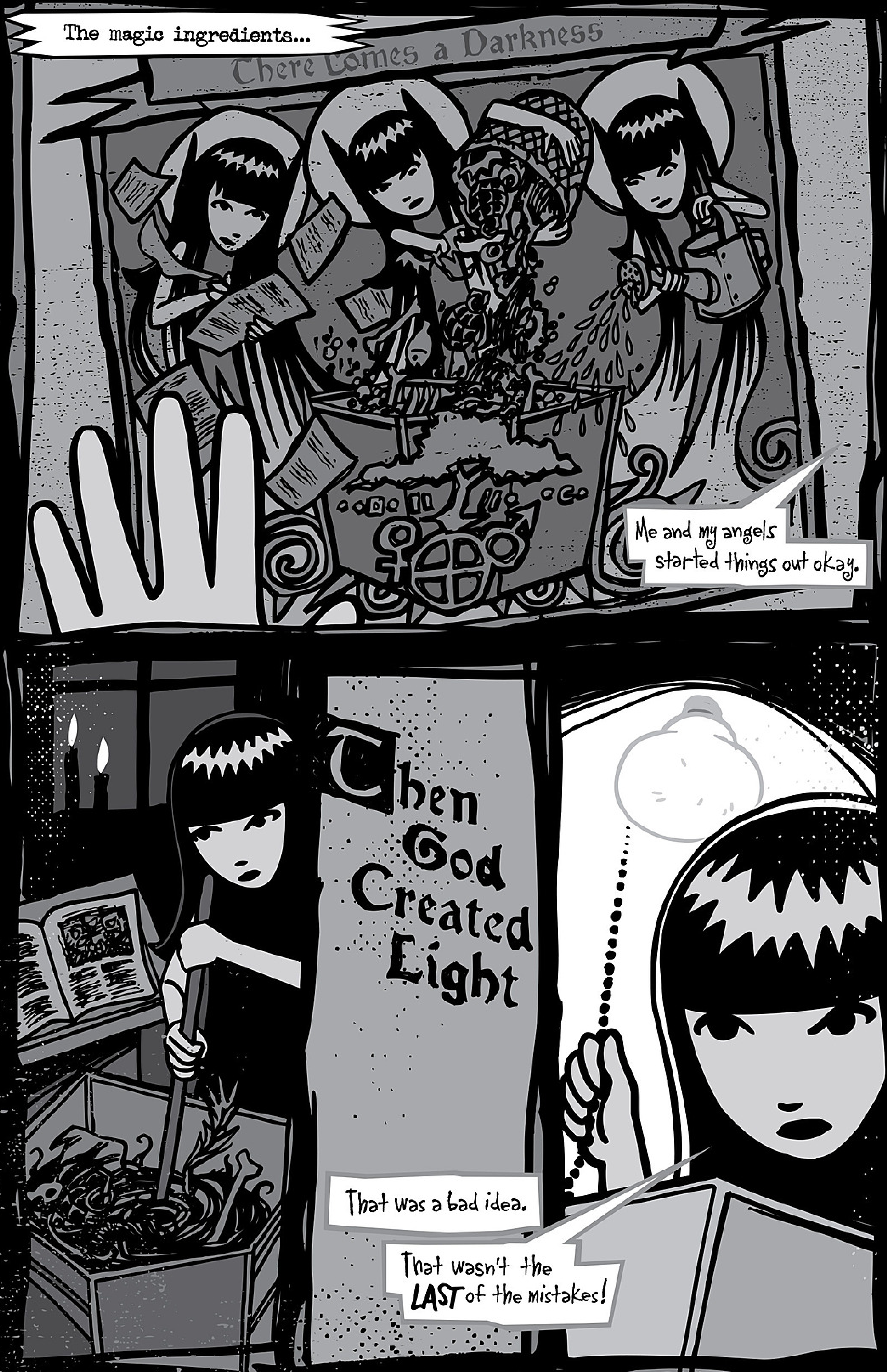
Legbone croquet - It's enough to give anyone a hearty appetite!
I'm gonna ring the monkey butlers. What's your favorite dish?
My favorite is "Trick or Treat Stew." Y'know all that old candy you have left over from Halloween? You just throw it in a pot. Of course you leave the wrappers on ...that's where all the vitamins are!
Every ghoul wants to look her best while on vacation. So Emily and Elvira turn themselves over to teams of top vampire beauticians who primp, crimp, curl, cut, blow, dab, tuck, spritz, poof, slice and dice them until they look utterly...the same as always.
What do you hide in your hair? I keep spare slingshots in mine.
MORGUE
DEAD People
Rats, of course. I like to carry my two little buddies, Sam & Ella, with me wherever I go!
Paradise Lost can be stressful, and nothing takes the pain away like a vigorous massage by your friendly, skillful zombie masseuse!
Are you personal friends with any of the undead?
Well, I occasionally hit the graveyards when I'm tryin' to dig up a date for Saturday night.
Like all the finest hotels and resorts around the world, Spukee Resort has its own museum, where visitors can be haunted and enchanted by an amazing collection of blacklight paintings, Jurassic technology, freaks of nature, braaaaaaaains, and nightmarish sculptures.
What does this do?
EIGHT BALL MICRO-WAVE
OPEN
Oh, you haven't seen one of those before? It's called a Magic Eight Ball Microwave. You never know what you're gonna get, but it does one helluva job cooking it!

When Emily and Elvira hit the floor, they really clear out the place—no one likes being kicked in the head with a steel-toed stiletto, apparently!
When was the last time you lost your soul?
I once signed my soul over to the devil if he'd pay off my credit card debt. It turned out to be a trick, though. All I can say is: never trust a guy with little red horns.
It would be a tragedy to visit the Spukee Resort and not go yachting. Emily and Elvira love tragedy, but they love yachting even better. Anything could go wrong - and hopefully will!
What would make this a perfectly wicked vacation for you?
Just spending a little down-time lying on the beach at night, moon-bathing, with a coupla "ice-cold zombies," and I ain't talkin' about the drinks!
S.S.S.
Scuba diving really is one of the most inspiring, tranquil, relaxing ways to get in touch with all of nature's beautiful underwater rainbows. So naturally, Emily and Elvira stay as far away from scuba diving as possible.
Tell me about the legend of this island.
HOT LAVA!
Well believe it or not, Emily, this island was once part of the legendary chain of islands known as the Vulturians--until the islanders began to get stingy with their virgin sacrifices and one by one, the evil Island Gods destroyed them--the first one by a volcano, the second one by a hurricane and the third by a huge rogue wave, until there was only this one left! Makes ya feel kinda safe & cozy, doesn't it?
Nothing like cliff diving blindfolded to get the ol' heart pumping! True, the water is an awfully long way down, and those rocks at the bottom are terribly sharp, but...well, they've been lucky so far!
What advice would you give young people who are feeling lost?
Pull over and ask directions!


A truly great resort provides for all its visitors' needs: food, sleep, braaaaaaains, and shopping. Emily and Elvira are pretty thrilled with Spukee Boutique - absolutely everything is BLACK!
What does the color black mean to you?
Black means never having to do the laundry!
On clear nights, Emily and Elvira go to the beach and find their favorite constellations: The Severed Heads, The Nurse With Wound, The Dry Lungs, The Skinny Puppy, and The Throbbing Gristle.
What do you see when you close your eyes?
A tiny image of Elvis which I had tattooed on the inside of my eyelids.
What's Paradise Lost without a little bit of gettin' lost? Emily and Elvira seem so happy to be lost, you'd think they were out for a Sinday stroll.
What type of training would you recommend for a pet viper?
Paper training. There's nothing worse than a viper that's not house-broken!
What do you like most about being LOST?
My fans can't find me. Hey, even the Mistress of the Dark can use a break sometimes!
Oh, dear. Gentle Reader, it is not looking good for Emily and Elvira. They've sunk up to their necks in the tar-black swamp, terrifying zombie monsters are drooling for their braaaaaaains, and...
...we're out of time!
Elvira, it's time to wrap up our stay in Spukee Resort. Got any lost words?
Unpleasant Dreemz!

Chapter 3 DARK

Let there be dark
The Mysteries of Cosmic Creation Revealed!
Book of Strange
How 'bout a herstory lesson?
In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth (by using water and dirt!)...


The magic ingredients...
There Comes a Darkness
Me and my angels started things out okay.
Then God Created Light
That was a bad idea.
That wasn't the LAST of the mistakes!

Human life started from this nasty hairclod...
DUH
bidness up front
party in da back
sports watchin'
...we be jammin'...
beer drinkin'
jammers
berkin loafin'
BEHOLD!
Let There Be Dork

Emily lifted one finger to get the job done.
~~God~~ I Made Woman In ~~Her~~ my Own Image
OK, it was me
Hey, whassup, babe?

Question Authority
This is HOT!
This sucks!
Please, Lord,
Can you do something about this god-forbidden bright heatlamp and the company I have to keep?
It's Killing me!
God
C'mon, God, smite the light!
Let There Be DARK!
This is HOT too!
She really IS like me-- what attitude!
120 degrees HOT!
Click
About time!

On The 5th Day Emily Created the Creatures of the Night!
And all thru the night...
AwoOOooo...
hissss...
Stay Away! Get your creeps off meeee!
RRAWRRRRR...
...Emily gave orders to her minions.
you scare that dork!
you make him twitch!
you crawl up his arm!
you slither up the sheets!
you bite his leg!
you suck his blood!
BAM!
BAM!
Let me outta here!
Awww, isn't that cute, they have all made friends in the night!
Click!
Now Emily, without the light there would be no Dark!

On Day 6,
There Was
Revolution!
SMASH!
Ahhhh.
That's better.

On The 7th Day, Revelation!
Eureka!
ARGH!
It burns!
Dark as night goggles

Let there be Dark! Again!
the end?
Isn't it funny how herstory repeats itself...

It was dark times for the local public television station. With all the budget cuts no one worked from Wednesday to Sunday. So after "gaining access" I decided to record my own weekly show called...
DEEP DARK THOUGHTS
13
lb.
LIVE ON AIR
I think we can learn a lot from the earthworm. It eats dirt...
...and if we could all learn to eat dirt, I could charge more for mud pies.
Mud Pies
$10
$1
FREE
Don't cut off your nose to spite your face...
...unless you want blood all over your face, in which case...
Chop, chop, chop!

People often ask me why I dress in black. I say it's because nobody has invented anything darker.
And then I threaten to eat their children.
If you're at a funeral, I think a good thing to say to the grieving family is...
Nice Coffin.
RIP
PUNK'S NOT DEAD
...because heyyyy, Nice Coffin.
R.I.P.
Killed by Death
BEHIND THE SCENES
...MEET THE PRODUCER!
Keeping an eye on the dark side of life is not an easy job. Late-night recording sessions for "Deep Dark Thoughts" don't always run smoothly – I'm always getting interrupted by rats chewing the cables, or the police, or daylight.
Stupid daylight!
Keeping an eye on the dark side of life is not an easy job. Late-night recording sessions for
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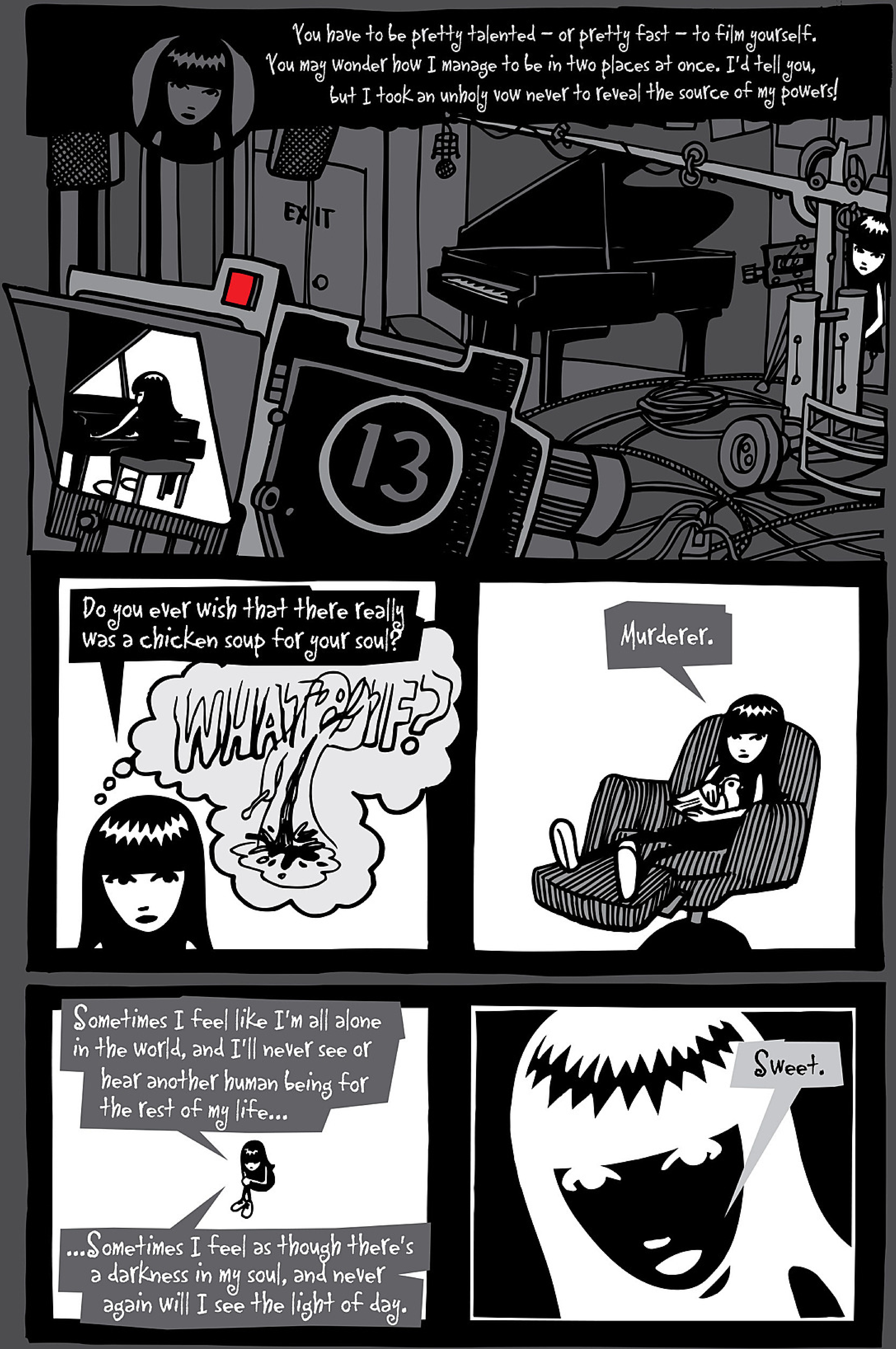
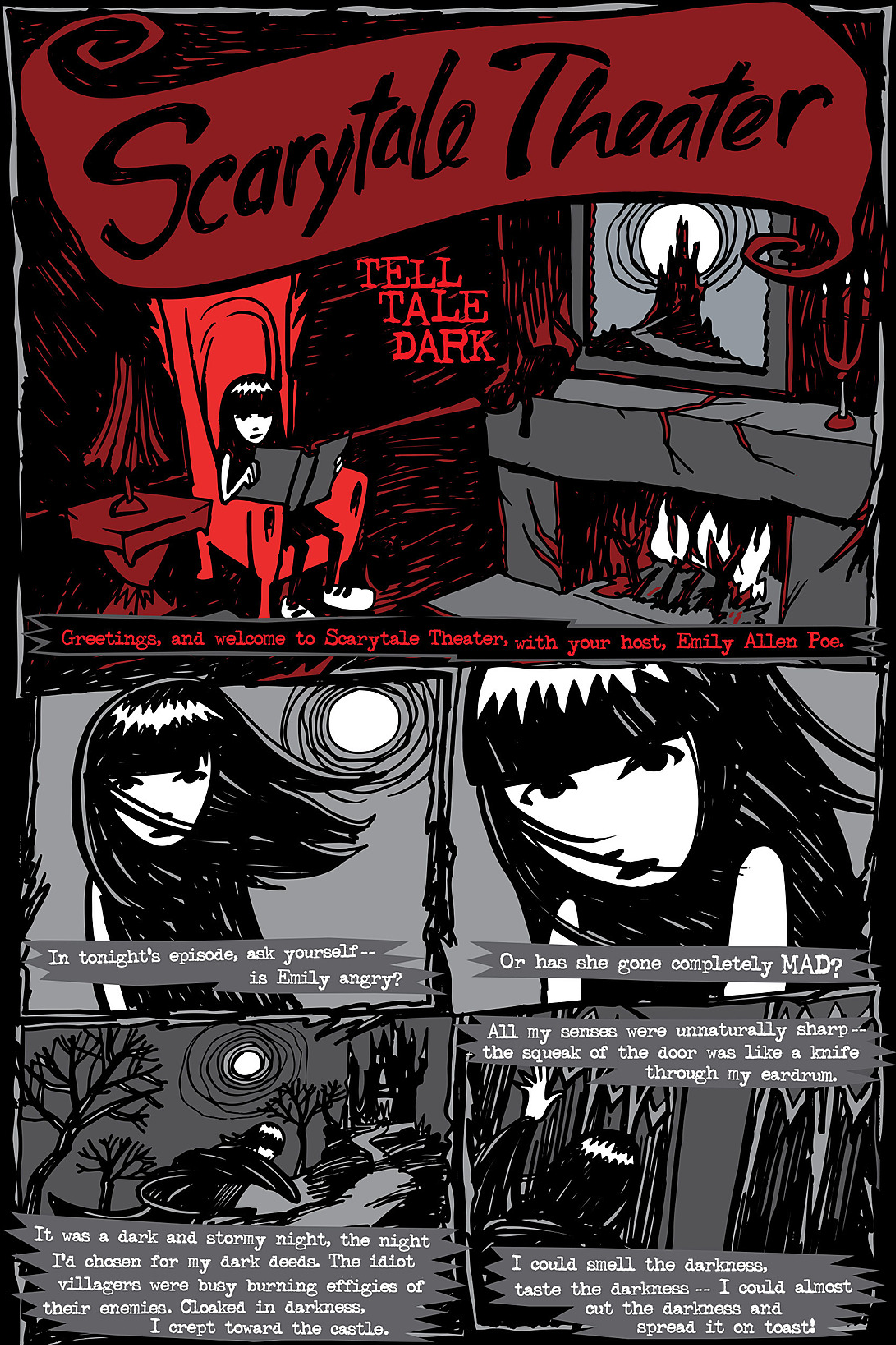
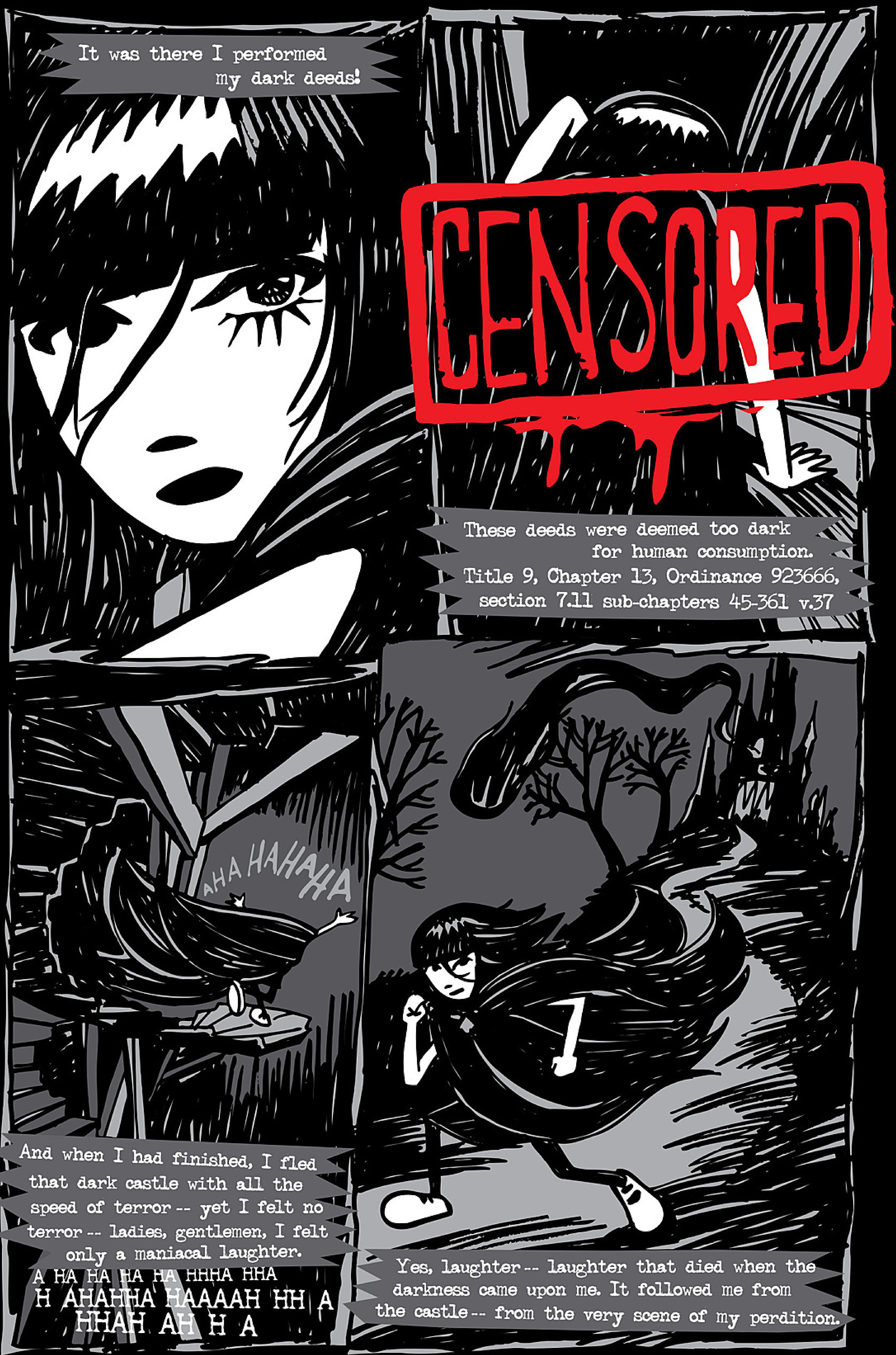

You have to be pretty talented – or pretty fast – to film yourself. You may wonder how I manage to be in two places at once. I'd tell you, but I took an unholy vow never to reveal the source of my powers!
EXIT
13
Do you ever wish that there really was a chicken soup for your soul?
WHAT IF?
Murderer.
Sometimes I feel like I'm all alone in the world, and I'll never see or hear another human being for the rest of my life...
...Sometimes I feel as though there's a darkness in my soul, and never again will I see the light of day.
Sweet.

1513
Long ago, a Strange child cared great for the Beasts.
Her deepest will, to have Dragon slaying cease.
When Kings and Queens ordered Dragons slayed.
Emily took fight and the slayers doth paid.
One girl against hundreds, only cats on her side,
Saved the world's last baby dragon with fiery black eyes.


Scarytale Theater
TELL TALE DARK
Greetings, and welcome to Scarytale Theater, with your host, Emily Allen Poe.
In tonight's episode, ask yourself -- is Emily angry?
Or has she gone completely MAD?
It was a dark and stormy night, the night I'd chosen for my dark deeds. The idiot villagers were busy burning effigies of their enemies. Cloaked in darkness, I crept toward the castle.
All my senses were unnaturally sharp -- the squeak of the door was like a knife through my eardrum.
I could smell the darkness, taste the darkness -- I could almost cut the darkness and spread it on toast!

But do not think I was mad -- no, not mad, not I! Would a madwoman do...
...THIS?
PHONE BOOK
MOST FORBIDDEN CHAMBER
MOST DARKEST ROOM!
I had thought of every possibility, prepared for every circumstance, so that NOTHING would thwart my dark deeds!
A HA HA HA HA HHHA HHA HA AHA HHA
And as I approached the highest chamber of the castle I smiled to think that none of those idiot villagers would ever know what I had done!
Finally I reached my goal, in the castle's darkest and most forbidden corner!


It was there I performed my dark deeds!
CENSORED
These deeds were deemed too dark for human consumption. Title 9, Chapter 13, Ordinance 923666, section 7.11 sub-chapters 45-361 v.37
AHA HAHAHAHA
And when I had finished, I fled that dark castle with all the speed of terror -- yet I felt no terror -- ladies, gentlemen, I felt only a maniacal laughter.
A HA HA HA HA HHHA HHA
H AHAHHA HAAAAH HH A
HHAH AH H A
Yes, laughter -- laughter that died when the darkness came upon me. It followed me from the castle -- from the very scene of my perdition.

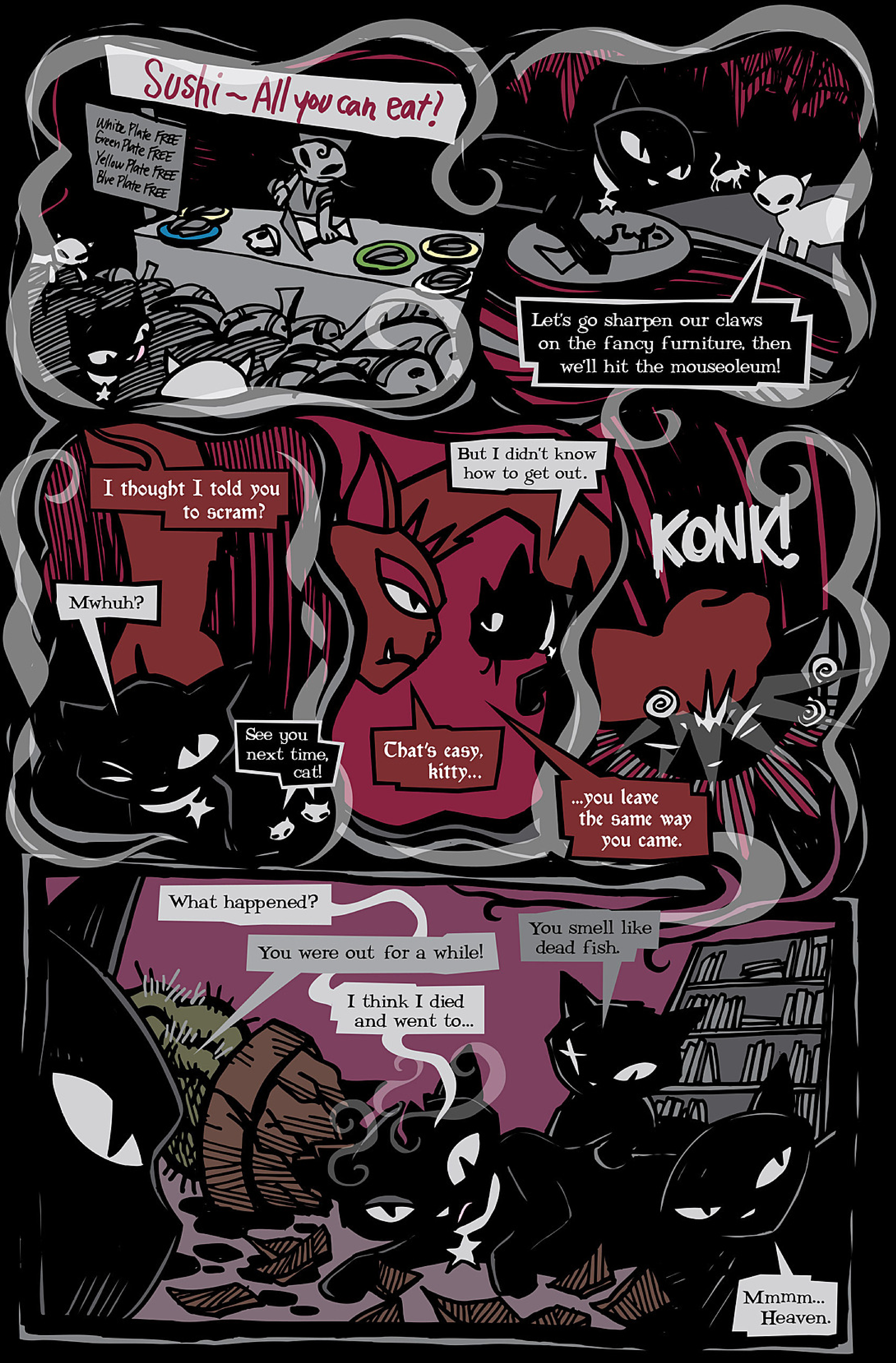
It chased me from the castle, hither and yon, yon and hither, until I knew not whither I ran.
That darkness -- that DAMNED DARKNESS -- pursued me to the very center of town -- to the very edge of the villagers' bonfire!
And it pointed --it pointed--AT ME.
Stupid snitchy dark.
I waited for the dark rage of the villagers. But I waited in vain!

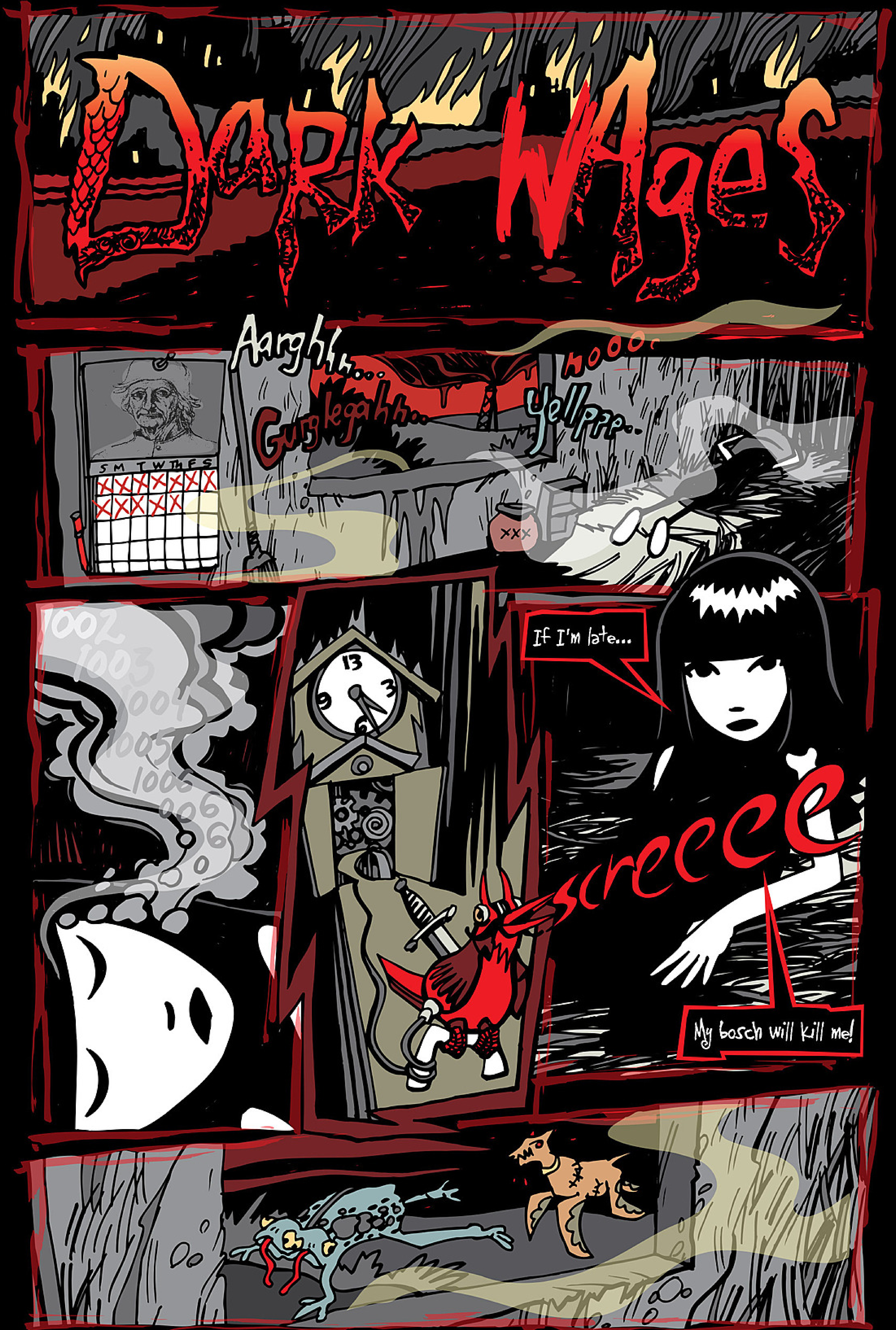
But -- Ha, Ha! Ha, Ha! -- the villagers were too stupid to understand.
YOU MUST PUNISH HER DARK DEEDS
I'M TELLING YOU, SHE DID IT!
This darkness will be delicious on toast...
GET HER, YOU IDIOTS!
You all ain't all too bright, is you?
USE THE HANDCUFFS, MORONS
Hey! My toast!
We'll throw you in the darkest pit of prison, girlie!
Thus was I punished, and though I would stay in that darkest pit to the end of my days, my deeds remained hidden in darkness -- utter and terrible darkness -- FOREVERMORE!
Until next time...

CRASH

POINT OF NO RETURN!
...Come on, it's fun in the Dark...
Have a fun time!
...The Dark likes you...
Welcome to the Dark!...
Hey there, kitty.
What's yer name?
Mystery.
Well, kitty, yer on the guest list all right, but it's not time for you to be here yet.
Well, when can I come in?
Bunny-bunny-bunny
Eugenius
Watch Guy
Mystery

I can't tell ya, kitty.
It's not your time yet.
Go home.
Pat Pat
Jerk.
Psst... Mystery!
...Over here Kitty... Come play with us Mystery!...
We're not supposed to be here either!
But we know where all the fun stuff is... ESPecially for cats!
This way!
What seems like hours later...
In a vision once I saw, It was an Abyssinian maid, and with her mousey toy she played!
CAT NIPBRO WNIES DO WUNDERS TO YOUR HEAD
I've got the munchies!

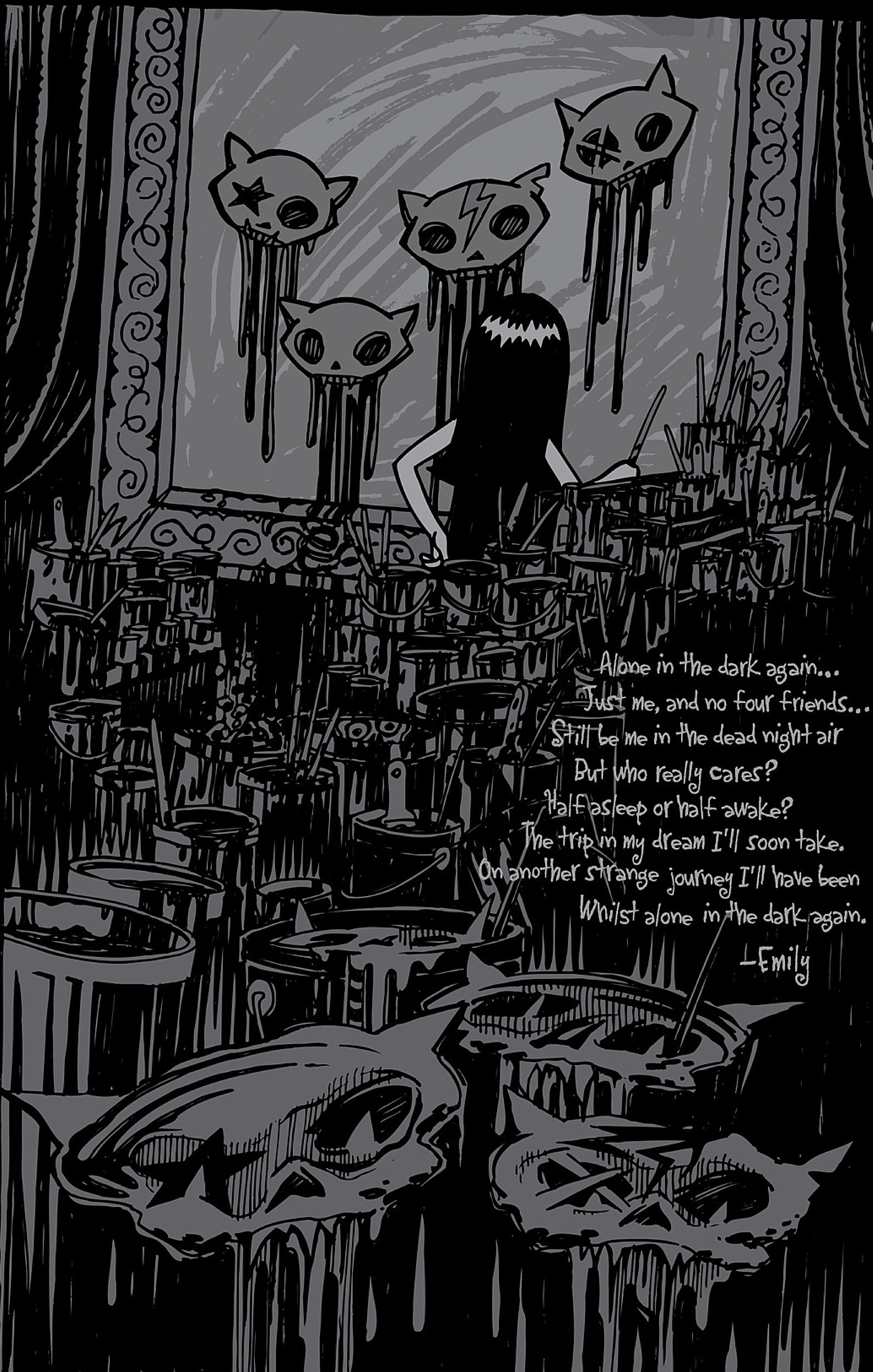

Sushi ~ All you can eat!
White Plate FREE
Green Plate FREE
Yellow Plate FREE
Blue Plate FREE
Let's go sharpen our claws on the fancy furniture, then we'll hit the mouseoleum!
I thought I told you to scram?
Mwhuh?
See you next time, cat!
But I didn't know how to get out.
That's easy, kitty...
...you leave the same way you came.
KONK!
What happened?
You were out for a while!
I think I died and went to...
You smell like dead fish.
Mmmm... Heaven.


Dark Wages
Aarghhh...
Gurglegahh..
Yellppp..
hooo.
S M T W Th F S
1002
1003
1004
1005
1006
13
If I'm late...
screeee
My bosch will kill me!

BIG COF
Be back later.
TRASH
A girl's job is never done.
yawn...
Another night, another fright.
I can hardly wait till payday.

Kaw kawl
KEEP OUT!
KRAK!

Quittin' time!
Thank God It's Frightday.
ZZZZZZZ
THE END is near!



**Little Known Fact: When messing around in the Dark Arts, WATCH YOUR BACK!

**Fine Print is for FOOLS

DANCER IN THE DARK
NIGHT CLUB
BANDS
DANCE
Time to show all you suckas how to dance...
DDR
NO
THE FREAKWORM
That girl is pretty wild now, the girl's a super freak
The kind of girl you read about in new wave magazines
I'm E. Strange, witch!
THE COSMIC DANCER
I danced myself right out the womb, I danced myself into the tomb
THE CAT DANCER
They give me cat scratch fever
The first time that I got it
I was just ten years old
I got it from some kitty next door

DANCE OF DEATH
The blackness would hit me and the void would be calling
TINY DANCER
They got little hands
Little eyes
They walk around
Tellin' great big lies
STRICTLY 8 BALLROOM
So I shook my magic eightball and I posed an inquiry and my future began to surface
DIRTY DANCING
I like the innocent type, deer in the headlights
So long, suckas, and remember... dance to the dark side of the tune!

TRIP OUT ARTIST Mike Moon

Another Strange Interview...
Marilyn Manson
Meet you at dusk.
That's so 1990, I'll meet you just after dark.
Marilyn Manson's parts written by Marilyn Manson.
Emily's parts written by Emily. All reading read by reader.
AMUSEMENT DARK!
That gives me an excellent idea!
We're either gonna be a part of the solution or a part of the problem.
Mystery taught me to see in the dark last night like a cat. I can show you how.
LIGHTS POWER
ON OFF
ON OFF
Click!
DANGER
What do you think THIS is for?
"All that we see is but a dream within a dream."*
*Poe Goth

What do you hope to find in a place like this?
Palace of the Grotesque
I hope to see Michael Jackson's nose, Daryl Hannah's pinky finger, and Mr. T's now forsaken gold chains.
MUMMY DEAREST
MJ NOSE
MR.T BLING THIS WAY
How do you know so much about the grotesque?
From previous relationships with women on the WB Network and watching E! online.
Have you ever been through the looking glass?
I like looking through the glass...
What do you see?
Ugly does what ugly is.

Does that look like anyone you know?
Not Judas* - if that was the case, I'd look like one of the village people.
*Because Rob Halford would be wearing something more like the Village People.
What is your favorite game?
Shooting Gallery
High school boys gone wild!
If it moves salute it, if it doesn't, shoot it!
Why are people so into violent games?
Most of them are just smart enough to realize that they are stupid, and it pisses them off, so they want to hurt someone.
What do you suppose is in the deep fryer tonight?
Skinned Ostrich* on a stick!
*Don't worry 'cause there's no fur on it and people can't be pissed at you and you can still hang out with Stella McCartney and other tree-hugging hippies if you decide to do so, but only if you plan on stabbing them with a pocket knife in the midst of a picnic!

DEEP FRYER
Eeeew.
I know where we can go now.
Entering Golgotha! Mountain of Madness
Tickets
Beware of Leftovers
Broken Stay out
What do you think THIS is?
It's like a spark plug, but it's a Dark plug.*
*Not to be confused with a butt plug, (so don't sit on it!) but if you plug it in...
Is there anything to be afraid of in this dark unknown?
Everything we saw in the light was scarier because those people have to wake up everyday and be themselves –– we can just go in here and it don't matter and we can have a good time...

What's Darker Than Dark?

What made those two so grumpy?
I think someone must have just taken their mini thins.*
*trucker speed- they are having a real hard time coming down and it's not pleasant when you see a couple of good-lookin' folks like ourselves...
What makes YOU scream?
What doesn't?
clack! clack! clack!
What happens if we disappear into the darkness?
Anything could happen, some people call it the Sasquatch, some people call it Chupacabra, some people call it Courtney Love -
BEWARE!
Do not enter the cave!
RUMMMBLE
Screeeeeeee...
I need a BRAKE!
Come the sun, our fun is done. What are you gonna do now?
I'm bored with worshipping the devil, shooting up schools, and humping security guards' heads, so I think I'm going to go to church.

5
A Blackbird with a Black eye eating Black Ants

Closing your eyes during a Blackout
6

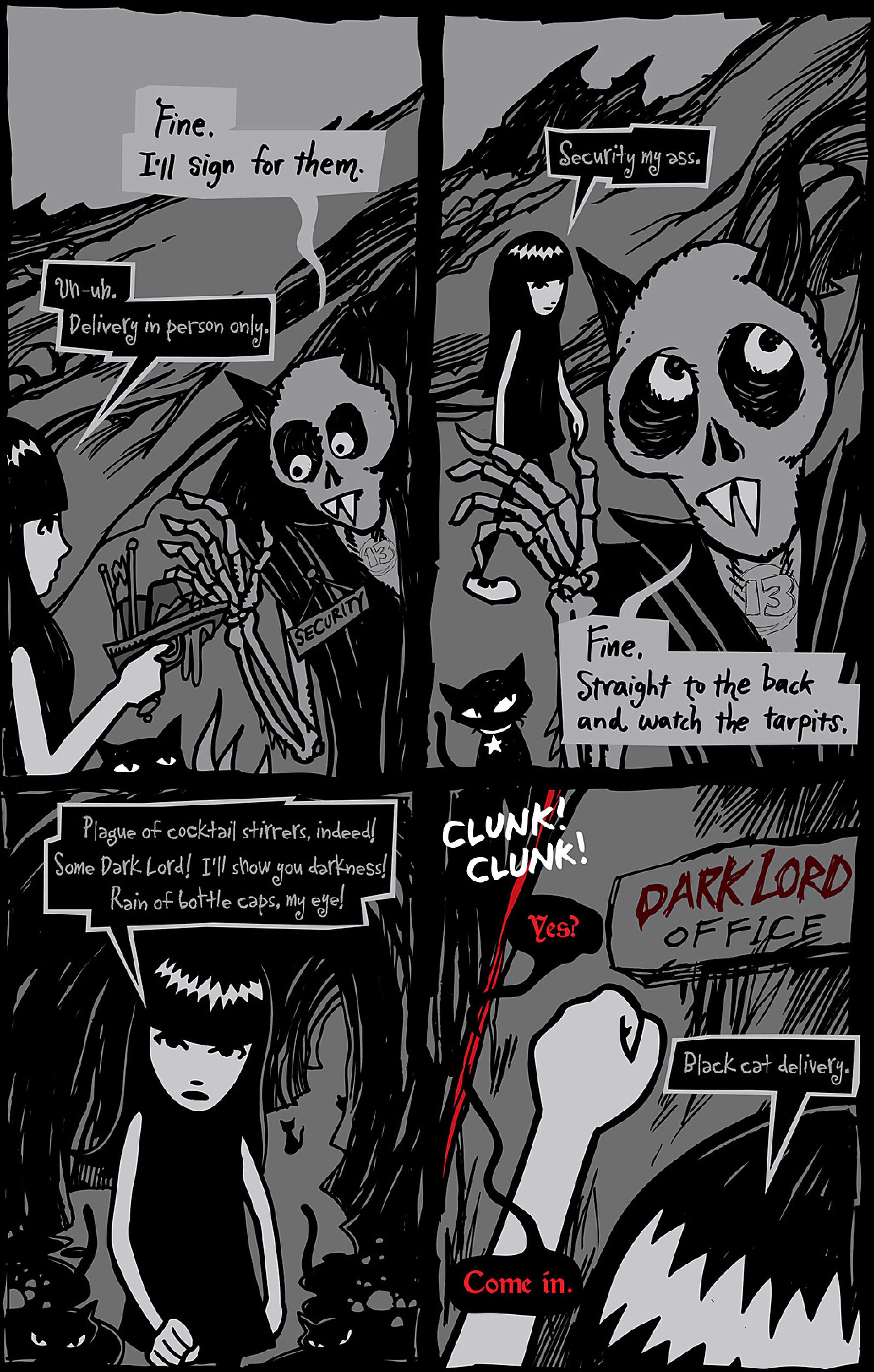
7
WOMEN in Black playing AC/DC's Back in Black backwards

8
Zonster toe-jam from the Dark Ages

9
Black on Black on Black
10
Eating Dark Chocolate next to a Dark Crystal on a Dark Star
11
When the Prince of Darkness gets told "Lights Out"
12
Alone in the Dark at Black Rock writing in your Black Book
13
A Dark Angel reading Dark Horse Comics in the Dark Delicacies book store

Another boring day in Posseville...
where anything happening is completely nothing to do.
Gothic Times
REIGN OF DARKNESS
MASSIVE PLAGUE OF GOOD OLD RAISINS AND PEANUTS CALLED CATASTROPHE, TASTY
AREA CHILDREN ENJOY RAIN OF CHERRY COKE
POSSIBLE SIGHTIN OF DARK LORD
DARK LORD TERRORIZES LAND WITH WAFFLES
EVERYDAY DEBRIS FROM FAR FAR AWAY TERRIFIES
Eh... cool concept, but hardly worthy of a Dark Lord.
Locusts were fine... Liver was nice and gross... Dog fur WAS pretty creepy... but whoever heard of a plague of LINT BALLS?
Oh No. TRUCKER CAPS?

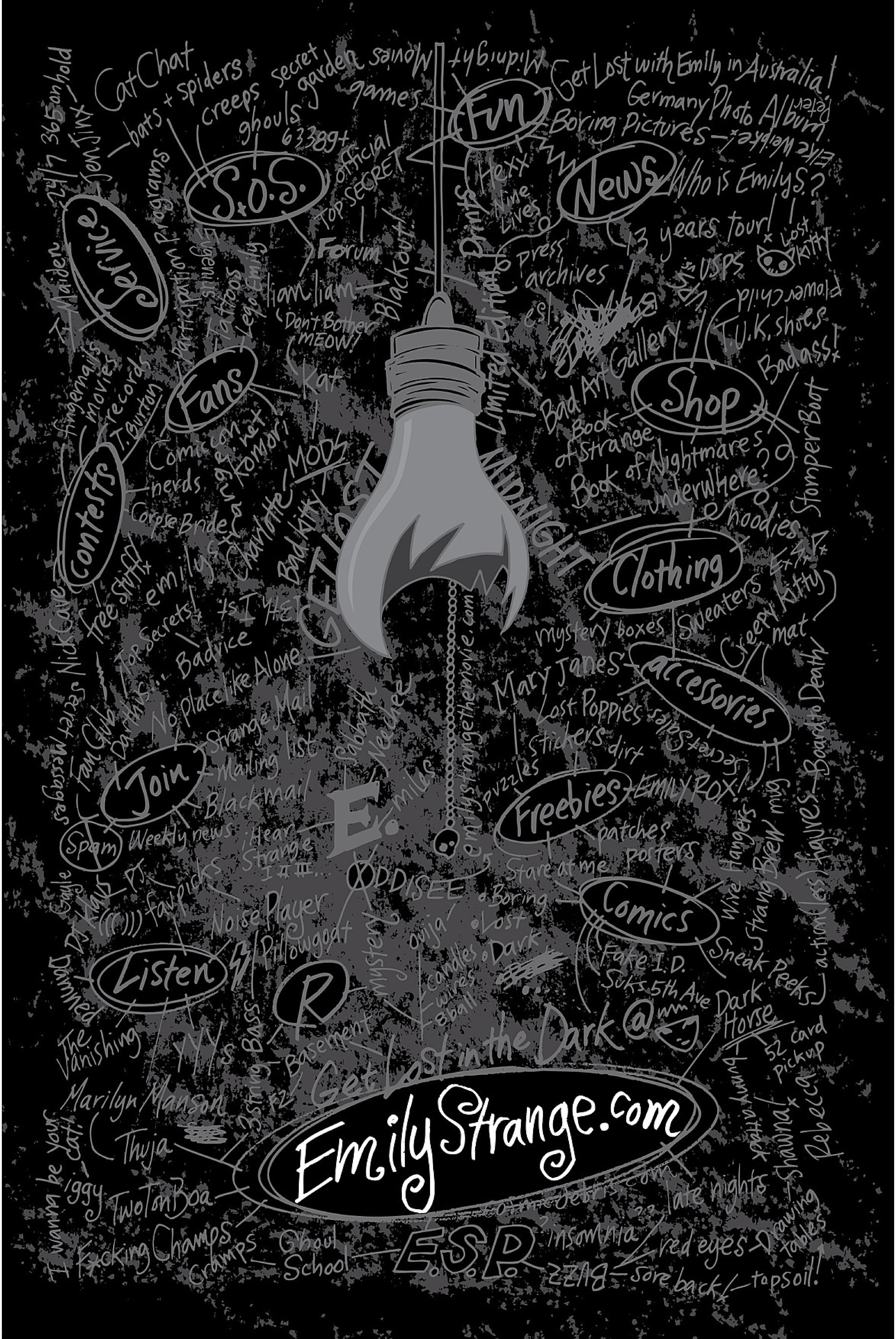
It's gone too far!
I'll speak to this Dark Lord myself!
Thus Emily journeyed to the savage hinterlands of the Dark Lord's hideout...
My Darkness Detektor* says this must be the spot!
zZZZT!
pip!
Hey there! HALT! What do you want?
Black cat delivery for Dark Lord.
POOM!
*patent pending


Fine.
I'll sign for them.
Uh-uh.
Delivery in person only.
SECURITY
13
Security my ass.
Fine.
Straight to the back and watch the tarpits.
Plague of cocktail stirrers, indeed!
Some Dark Lord! I'll show you darkness!
Rain of bottle caps, my eye!
CLUNK!
CLUNK!
DARK LORD
OFFICE
Yes?
Black cat delivery.
Come in.

Obviously, you're not handing over the cats.
What do you want from me?
CEO
Look, I want to know who's in charge of these skibbly plagues.
PLAGUES TO DO: •Pennies •Paperclips •ATM's •Mullets •Prunes •Widgets •Tin Cans •Toe nails •Sweatbands
That would be me. And you are...?
I'm Emily the Strange.
Who the hell are you?
BWAA HAH HAW HAHA!
CEO
IN THE NAME OF HELL!
Oh, all right, I know who you are. And your plagues suck.

I don't normally take advice from ANYONE, but I like your style.
So talk...
Very well. I'm listening.
Um...rain of coffee? Not bad, But it was DECAF!
Okay, I'm thinking BLOOD, I'm thinking MONSTERS, I'm thinking Bloody Monsters...
This is good. This is genius!
This is OBVIOUS.
Bloated blood baby monsters, Giant bloody scorpion monsters, Bloody robot zombie monsters, Bloody android goblin monsters, bloody squidlike platypus monsters, Sabbath bloody Sabbath monsters...
More MONSTERS!!
These plague ideas -- they're amazing. Now, let's talk payment.
You go ahead and take credit -- I'm just in it for the plagues.
People take a deal with the Devil a little more seriously, you know.
Eh... I saw the Dark, and I wasn't impressed.

Did you notice the rain tastes warm and salty?
And full of protein?
Not bad, not bad.
So... you're cool with me taking credit still?
Deal.
It's our dark little secret.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Germany Photo Album
Boring Pictures
Who is EmilyS.?
3 years tour!
Fun
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Fans
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Join
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Comics
Midnight
Movies
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garden
secret
creeps
ghouls
bats + spiders
CatChat
official
TOP SECRET
Forum
Hexx
Nine Lives
press
archives
Limited Edition Prints
Blackout
Don't Bother MEOW!
Kat
Comicon
nerds
Corpse Bride
Badvice
No place like Alone
Strange Mail
Mailing list
Blackmail
Weekly news
Spam
Noise Player
Pillowgoat
Bad Art Gallery
Book of Strange
Book of Nightmares
underwhere?
hoodies
Sweaters
mystery boxes
Mary Janes
Lost Poppies
stickers
dirt
puzzles
EMILY ROX!
patches
posters
Stare at me
Fake I.D.
Sneak Peeks
Dark Horse
52 card pickup
Rebecca
Shawna
late nights
insomnia
red eyes
Drawing tables
sore back
topsoil!
BUZZ
E.S.P.
Ghoul School
cramps
TwoTonBoa
iggy
Thuja
Marilyn Manson
The Vanishing
I wanna be your cat!
Flower Child
T.U.K. shoes
Badass!
StomperBoot
Creepy kitty mat
Board to Death
Wire Hangers
Lost Kitty
USPS
Nick Cave
free stuff
Top Secrets!
Fan Club
Secret Messages
records
movies
fingernails
T. Burton
emilystrangethemovie.com
ODDISEE
mystery
ouija
candles
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8 ball
Boring
Lost
Dark
Basement
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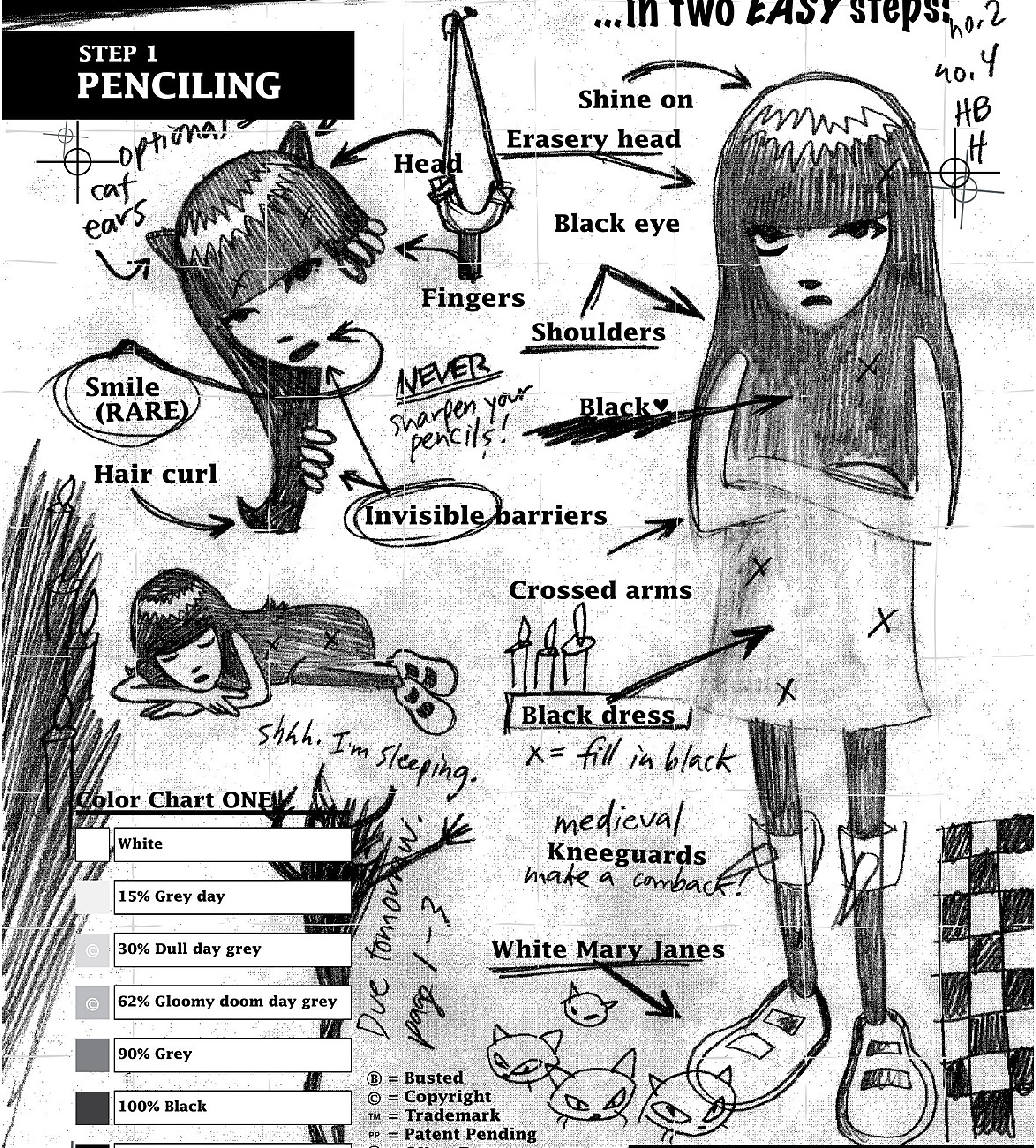
HOW TO DRAW EMILY

Drawing secrets revealed... ...in two *EASY* steps!

STEP 1 PENCILING



Color Chart ONE

- White
- 15% Grey day
- 30% Dull day grey
- 62% Gloomy doom day grey
- 90% Grey
- 100% Black
- 110% Black as Death

- Ⓑ = Busted
- © = Copyright
- ™ = Trademark
- PP = Patent Pending
- OK = OK to Draw
- ⊗ = NOT OK to Draw
- ⚡ = Sabbath Warning
  You're drawing on thin ice!

Turn the page to learn how to draw an accurate Emily face...

Color Chart TWO

RED	RED	RED	RED	RED	

Color chart not to scale. Use this ONLY for cross referencing on black & white monitors.

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Use your brain juices as a back-up black ink supply when inking.
STEP 2
INKING
white out 4ever!
Tribal Tattoos are a very important element to Emily's image. Use them with reckless abandon.
Everyone is asking about Emily's ears!
...whatever,
If you are right handed,start with Emily's left eye. If you are left handed, use your right foot to begin drawing her legs.
Dont bother a few ink drips...
Extra points for showing Emily's neck!
Drawing in the dark greatly improves accuracy. ESPecially around the eyes.
empty black space is ok sometimes.
Make headlines: Broken arms rules!
So-so hand.
Great hand!
Always use a ruler!
Everyone has an Emily head guide built right into their fingertips.

Never use fonts found on the internet. Cut them out from the newspaper leter by letter for the best effect.
Use a french curve here for this particular effect.
Emily's feet deserve a great deal of attention, without them she will not stand up very well.
Sneak an elbow bump in there for some extra flavor!
Sneak an elbow bump in there for some extra flavor!
Sneak an elbow bump in there for some extra flavor!
Bat wings on EVERYTHING!
Next lesson: Emily's profile...
weeee...
Only use the fattest tip Sharpie for the smallest of drawings.
Cats are always connected to Emily in one way or another.
Always draw cats with really long whiskers & skinny legs. Just like the story on page 15.
out of ideas? draw endless looking keyholes.
Carpal Tunnel = Ride the lightning!
Wooden foot sell well!
Look out your window for inspration! If you have no window, drop what you are doing and find one!
If you look closely, Emily's shoes have bumpy tread!
Boring e
Great E!
Never replace old pens
Tracing is a horrible way to learn anything. Likewise, inkers are artists too!
two eyes
Little Known Fact: Emily has only four fingers on each hand.

STRANGE BREW

Now even YOU can brew your own Dark Delicacies - Straight from the Book of Cook by Emily's Great Aunt LaRue! LaRue's strange and dark recipes include everything your appetite for destruction desires - from Crazy Potions to Lazy Emotions, from Eww! Cat Food to Who's That Dude? Confused? Not as much as you will be!

*Imagination required.

**Strange ingredients and hazardous equipment not included.

Strange Recipes ***
No. 13923. . . . . $4.95

BLACK MAIL

Home delivery from your favorite Dark Delivery Girl! She's gone postal on us all. Make those suckas pay! First pay us...

Deliver Us Some Evil
No.1397 Cards. . . $6.66

KNOW FUTURE

Ask Emily any question about your future. Watch as she asks her Dark Globe the very same question. Thrill to wait for it's all knowing response! It's best to be aware. Even better to BEWARE!

No. 1387 No Future $5.00

EMILY MIND READER

(YOU ARE SO PREDICTABLE)

Services & Consultation
No. 1333. . . . . $ 2.50

BLACK CAT KIT

Sick of all those white fluffy cute creatures running about? Kit includes organic black water based ink and one brush. No Refunds.

No.131814 . . . .$2.50

CLASSES FORMING NOW

Learn the latest in Dark Ghouling Thought. Financial Aid available, Ask Your Guidance Counselor. Send coupon in for more info.

GHOUL SCHOOL ____________ name

YOU ARE WHAT YOU IS

Do you know what you are? You are what you is. You is what you am. (a cow don't make ham...)

No. 1388 Have A Nice Life . . . .$.53

DARK DAYS

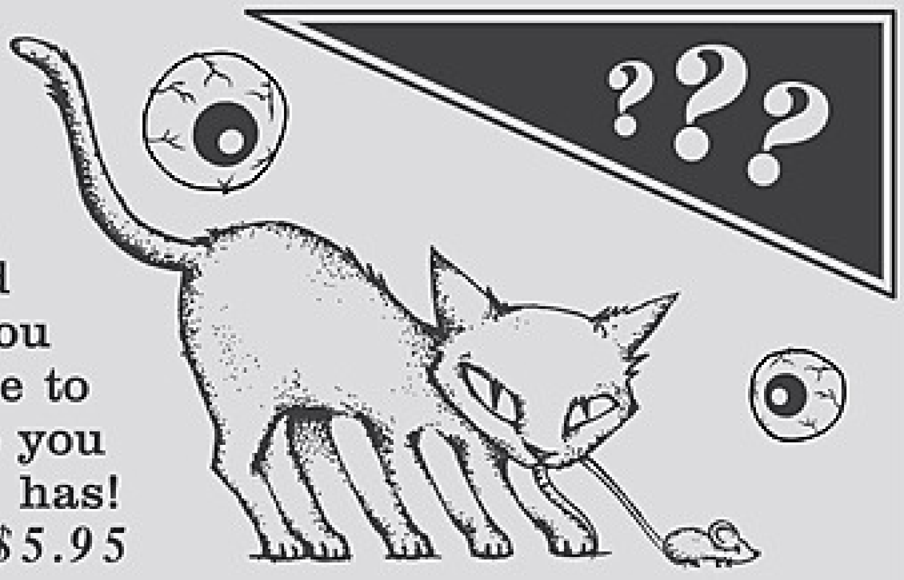
This is the Limited Edition CD by San Francisco band This Isn't It. Go to EmilyStrange.com for more details. If you thought this was it, guess again- this ISN'T it!

Sad Rock to Trip To
No. 132369. . . . $9.23

SEE FOR MILES?

How many legs does the cat to the right have? Wrong! Guess again! You can't even see what is right in front of you, can you? My guess is you need glasses! With our high-tech-night-vision goggles, you will not only be able to see in the Dark, you'll be able to see the difference between right and wrong, who are you fooling, and of course how many legs a cat has!

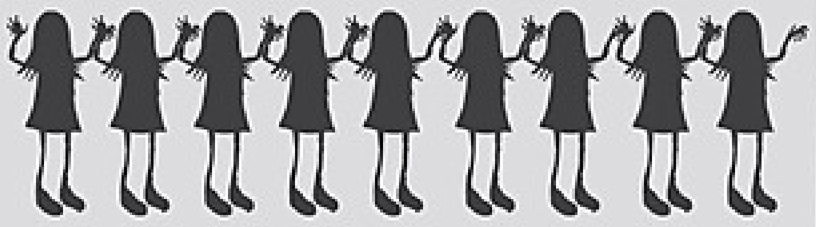
No. 1344 Seeing Is Deceiving $5.95



Emily's ESPeriments may have a lot of gross ingredients, but these dark little suckers are thankful to be re-animated. Don't open jar.

No.1326. . . . . . .$15

9 LIVES?



Are you nearing your alotted nine lives? Don't worry, we've got extras!*

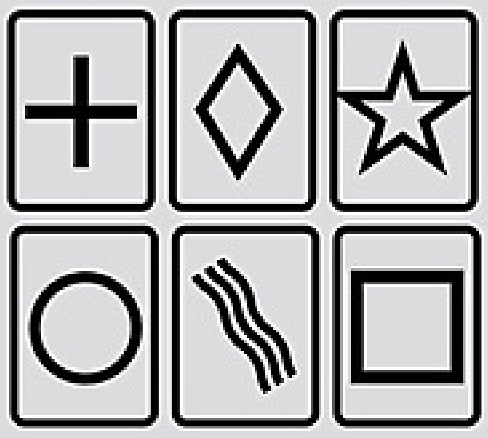
*Lives not guaranteed. Actual life may suck.

One Free Life
No. 1301. . . . .$2.25

POCKET STRANGE

Is that a kitty in your pocket? It sure is, and I'm happy to see you! A kitty for all occasions - and a pocket full of Strange...

A Little Stranger
No. 1389. . . . .$2.25

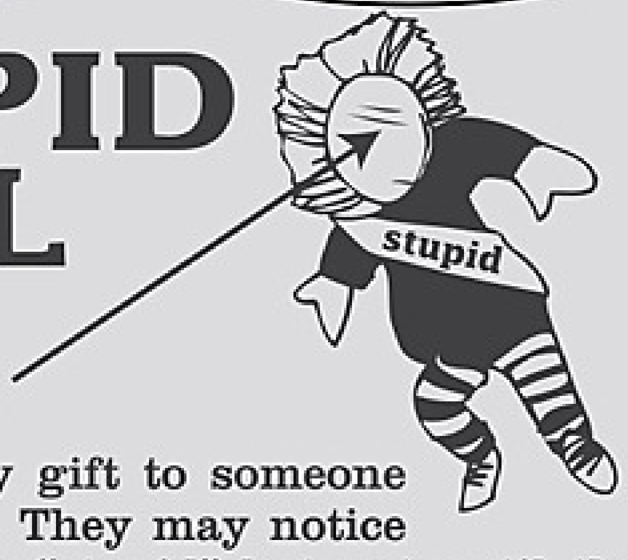


TRIPPY CARDS

Play fun guessing games! Neat and clean psychic pleasure! Throw them on the floor and watch people trip.

No.1347 Cards. . . $ 7.25

STUPID DOLL



Give this friendly gift to someone you DON ' T like. They may notice that the doll says "stupid" but not until they look in the mirror that is the face... as soon as they get the joke- it's on them! How stupid can they get?

No. 1375 Stupid Doll. $9.75

EMILY STRANGE POSSE

Welcome to the most secretest gang in town. No meetings, No dues, No more information available. Join Now by not joining nothing!? Don't delay!

No. 923 . . . . $0.00

SCARED OF THE DARK?

What's there to be scared of? You can't see nothing! Really though, the Darkness is not for no sissy! Read all about just how cool it is to be left in the dark.

Let There Be Dark
No.1307 Bible . . . $ 7.77

VOLUME 2

Rock, Fake, Death, Revenge, & Alone

ALONE
REVENGE
ROCK
FAKE
DEATH

Rock Issue

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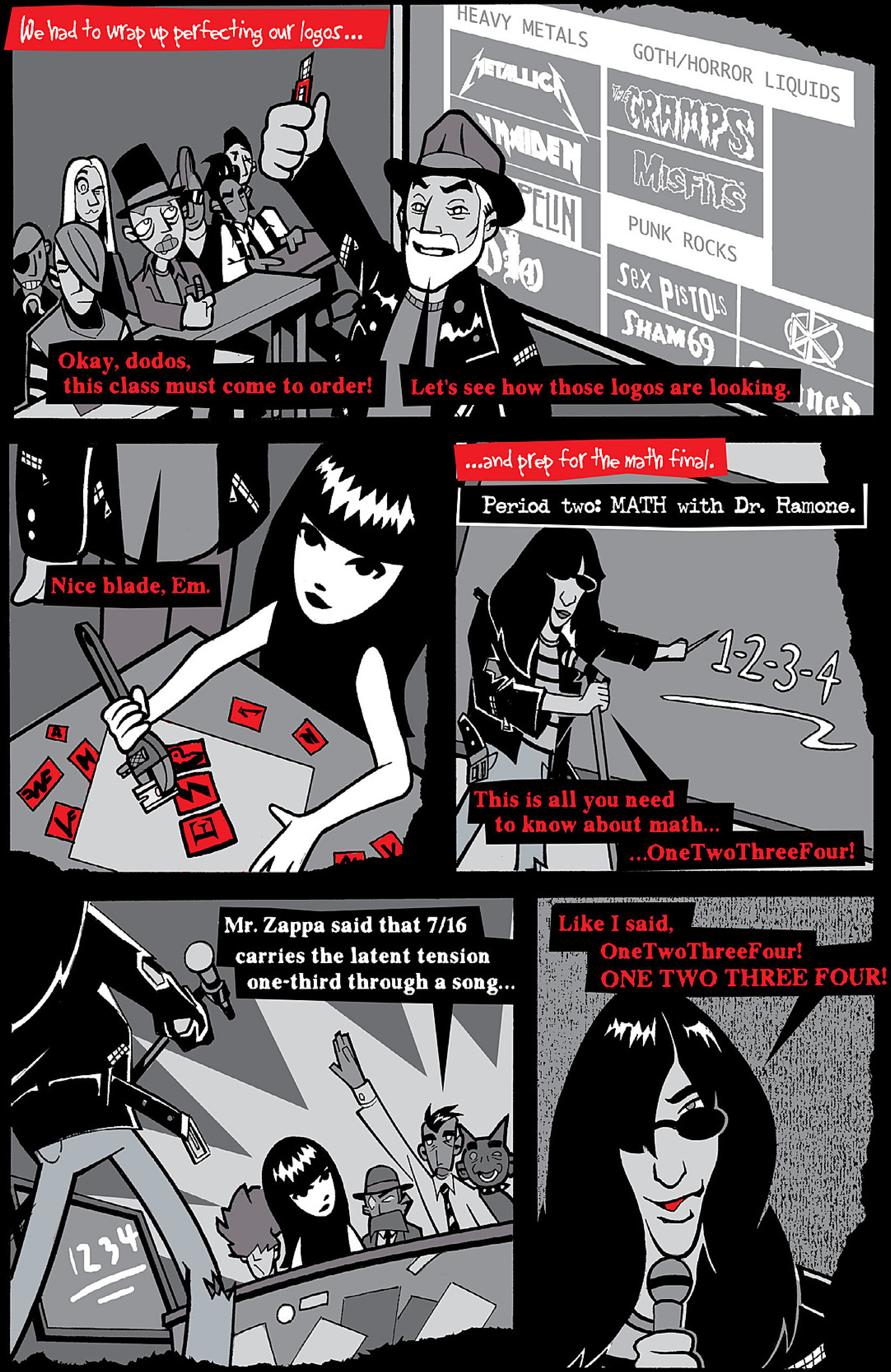
RO ShaM bO
ON
OFF
1... 2... 3!
ROCK
Testing 1,2,3...
testing 1,2,3,4...

The last week of classes here at Rock'n'Roll High was a tough one.
ROCK 'N' ROLL HIGH SCHOOL
MEDITATION: JIMMY PAGE
ART/GRAPHICS: WINSTON SMITH, DEREK RIGGS
RELIGIOUS STUDIES: OZZY OSBOURNE
SHOP: LEMMY
CREATIVE WRITING: PATTI SMITH
AUDIO PRODUCTION: STEVE ALBINI
CONTRACTS/LEGAL: KEITH RICHARDS
NEW LATE START TIMES:
ELECTIVES
P.E.: DAVID LEE ROTH
SCIENCE: THOMAS DOLBY
BIO CHEM: MILO AUKERMAN
SEX ED: TOMMY LEE, JOAN JETT
This is Principal Bowie reminding all seniors that graduation depends on your performance in the Battle of the Bands this Friday.
Period 1: GRAPHICS with Dr. Winston Smith.


We had to wrap up perfecting our logos...
HEAVY METALS
GOTH/HORROR LIQUIDS
PUNK ROCKS
Okay, dodos, this class must come to order!
Let's see how those logos are looking.
Nice blade, Em.
...and prep for the math final.
Period two: MATH with Dr. Ramone.
1-2-3-4
This is all you need to know about math...
...OneTwoThreeFour!
Mr. Zappa said that 7/16 carries the latent tension one-third through a song...
1234
Like I said, OneTwoThreeFour! ONE TWO THREE FOUR!

P.E. is okay...
P.E. with Coach Roth.
Now, the main point of stretching is to warm up your muscles.
But more importantly, you need to know what the ripping point is for your pants.
All right, everybody ... listen for the RIP!
RRHS
...but shop ROCKS!
Period four: SHOP with Dr. uh, Mr. uh...
...SHOPwith Lemmy.
GUITAR STRINGS

The rest of the classes flew by...
Period five: WOMEN'S STUDIES with Dr. Kim Gordon
FEAR OF A FEMALE PLANET
Even had a blast with...
Period six: SCIENCE with Thomas Dolby
She blinded me ... with SCIENCE!
We know, Mr. Dolby ...we know.
Period seven: CREATIVE WRITING with Patti Smith
... plagued by the darkness she tempted from beyond, she ran ... she ran into the electric current of the ocean...
...she ran into the blank terror of the sea!
...Until we were finally released for some last-minute cramming for the big final – The Battle of the Bands on Friday night!
315 OMFUG 315

Finally – The BIG NIGHT!
That was Blistering Bumrash with "Itchy Bottom"!
Next up we've got Wendy and the Weirdos doing their brand-new song, "Metal Bra, Cold Heart"!
We're up next!
AMP
AMP
Now, it's time for a band unlike any you've ever seen or heard!
They're strange! They're savage! They're ....

EMILY AND THE THIRTEEN NECKS OF DOOM!
And the crowd goes WILD!
Ooooh Nooo! The dreaded all-star jam!
This always happens when you get too many rockers in one room!
I think it's time this supergroup gets...
UNPLUGGED!
POWER STR

SELL YOUR SOUL FOR ROCK AND ROLL
PAWN
So this guitar will rocket me to stardom? And all I gotta give you is my soul?
CONTRACT
That's right, missy. Just sign here, and here, and here, ...and here, ...and here.
Back home, Emily plugs in.
All tuned up... let's see how it sounds...
LET'S ROCK!
RING

Moments later...
That was fast.
One chord and they want us to play Budokan.
Rock'n Roll
I'm about to ROCK!
The next day...
We Salute you!
EMILY

BUT - that weekend...
Ugh. There's no place like alone.
Whatever happened to rocking in the FREE world?
Rock stardom blows! I gotta get my soul back.

FOR SALE
SALE
Rock this way...
ROCK & ROLL HELL of FAME
Hell of Fame is right!

CONTRACT
Emily the Strange
SOUL
SOLE
SOUL
Soul
Sole
Well, so much for that rock and roll fantasy...
Emily the Strange
PAWN
Keep your rock-star hype...
ROCK
UNDERGROUND
...we're going DOWN!

Would you like some more?
Mmmore? Hmmm.
Yess. Pleezz.
Mrowww! Mmmmmmmmmm.
zzzZZZ
We should invite some old friends.

DINNER GHOSTS
MARCH
you are invited to a
Strange Tea Party
@13:00 AM
MAIL

MAX ERNST
MAX
EINSTEIN
E
LA RUE
AMELIA
COBAIN

DING DONG!
HOME STRANGE HOME
...the Ghost in you...
PURRS
Anybody seen Jimi?

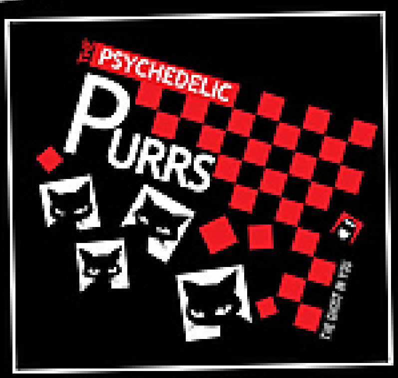
OUIJA
Jimi, where are you?

I'M CAUGHT IN
CROSSTOWN
TRAFFIC
TAXI

LOST YOUR MIND?
DEATH CERTIFICATE
LOST and FOUND
FUTURE
EMILY MIND READER
WHICH IS WITCH???
POOF
GET LOST
GOOD KITTY GONE BAD
BE A CAT
LOSE WEIGHT
Lazy? Sick? Bored?
ARE YOU UGLY?
FRIEND OR FOE?
Paint It Black Kit
ARE YOU BORING?
THINK HARD
X-RAY VISION
SHADOW BOXING
LIE DETECTOR
ARTISTIC LICENSE

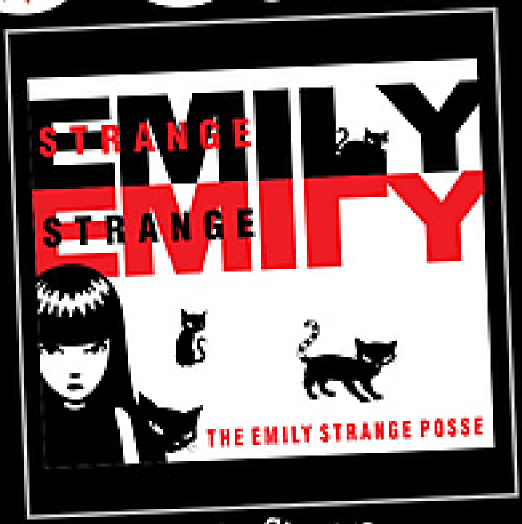
Kitties rock
punk
DEATH ROCK
arena ROCK
emo
HIP HOP
folk
nerd rock
rockabilly
oldies (but goldies)
SURF ROCK
goth
ALTERNATIVE
stoner rock
glam rock
heavy metal
easy listening

EMILY ROCKS



Psychedelic Purrs
"The Ghost in You"

Strange Youth
"ESP"



Emily Strange
"Stranger with Candy"

Emily Strange
"Volume 13"

The Emilys
"The Lost Machine"

Emily the Strange
"New York Paws"

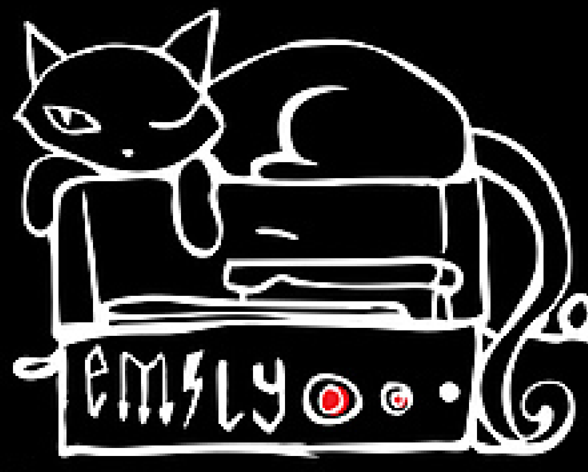
Emily the Strange
"Parallel Felines"

The Emilys
"Strange Not Dead"

Emily the Strange
"Strange Music for
Strange People"

Emily Strange
"Crazy Strange"

Major Threat
"Strange Days"



Emily the Strange
"Strange Girls"

The Emilys
"The Emilys"

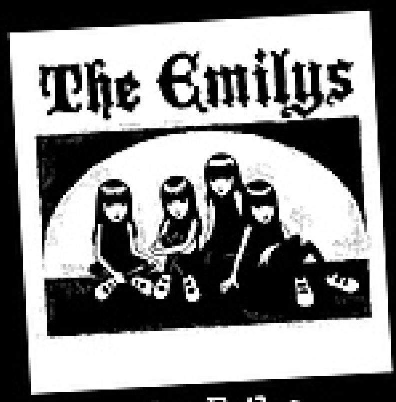
Emily the Strange
"Unknown Stranger"

Emily the Strange
"Get Lost" EP

Emily
"Electric Stranger"

Emily Strange Posse
"Are We Not Strange?"

Emily Strange
"Boo House 1993-2007"



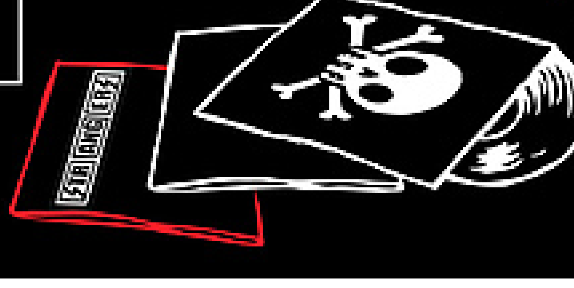
The Emilys
"Strange but Not Forgotten"

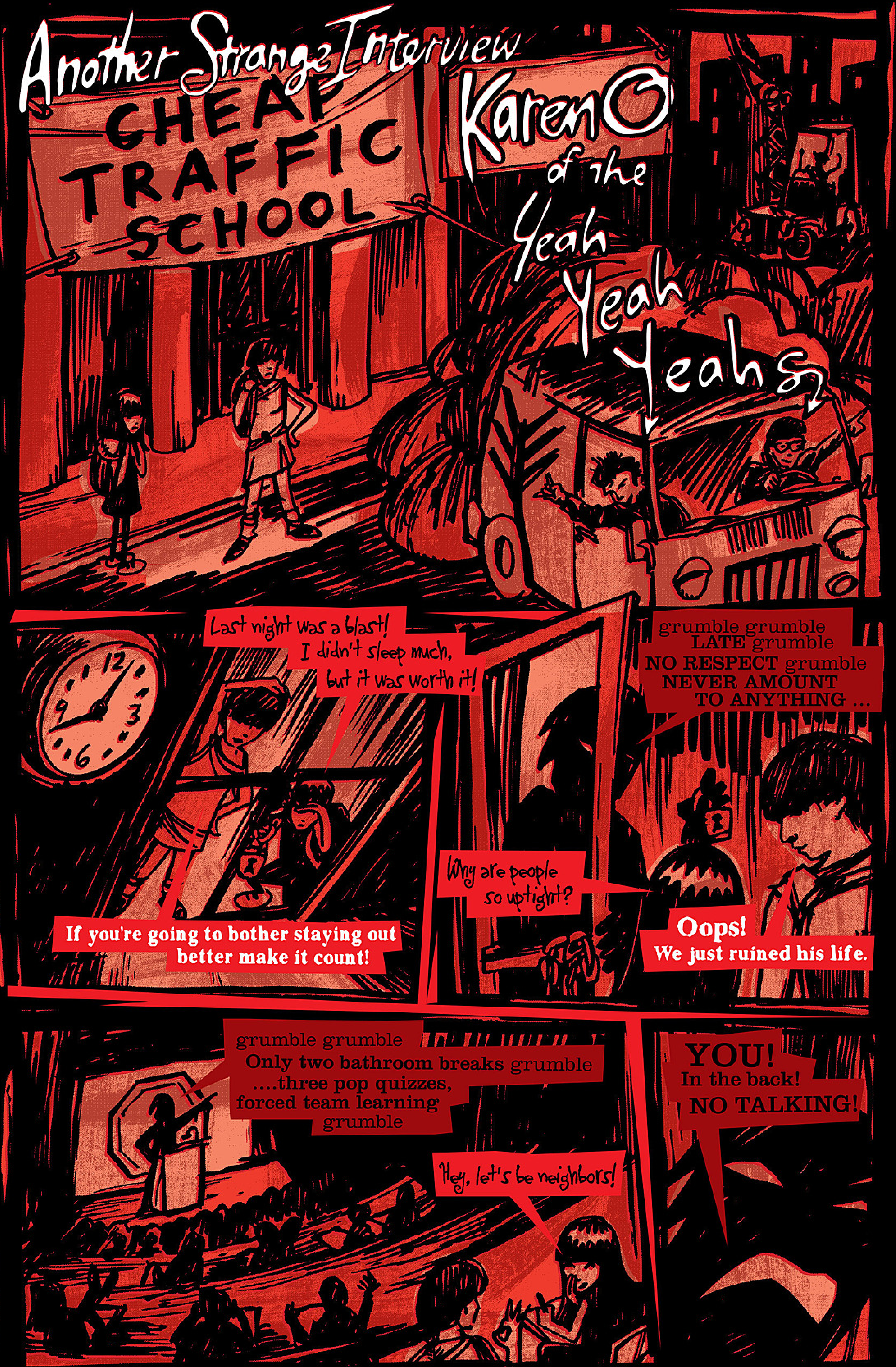
The Damned
featuring Emily the Strange
"Smash It Up"

Strange Pins for Strange People

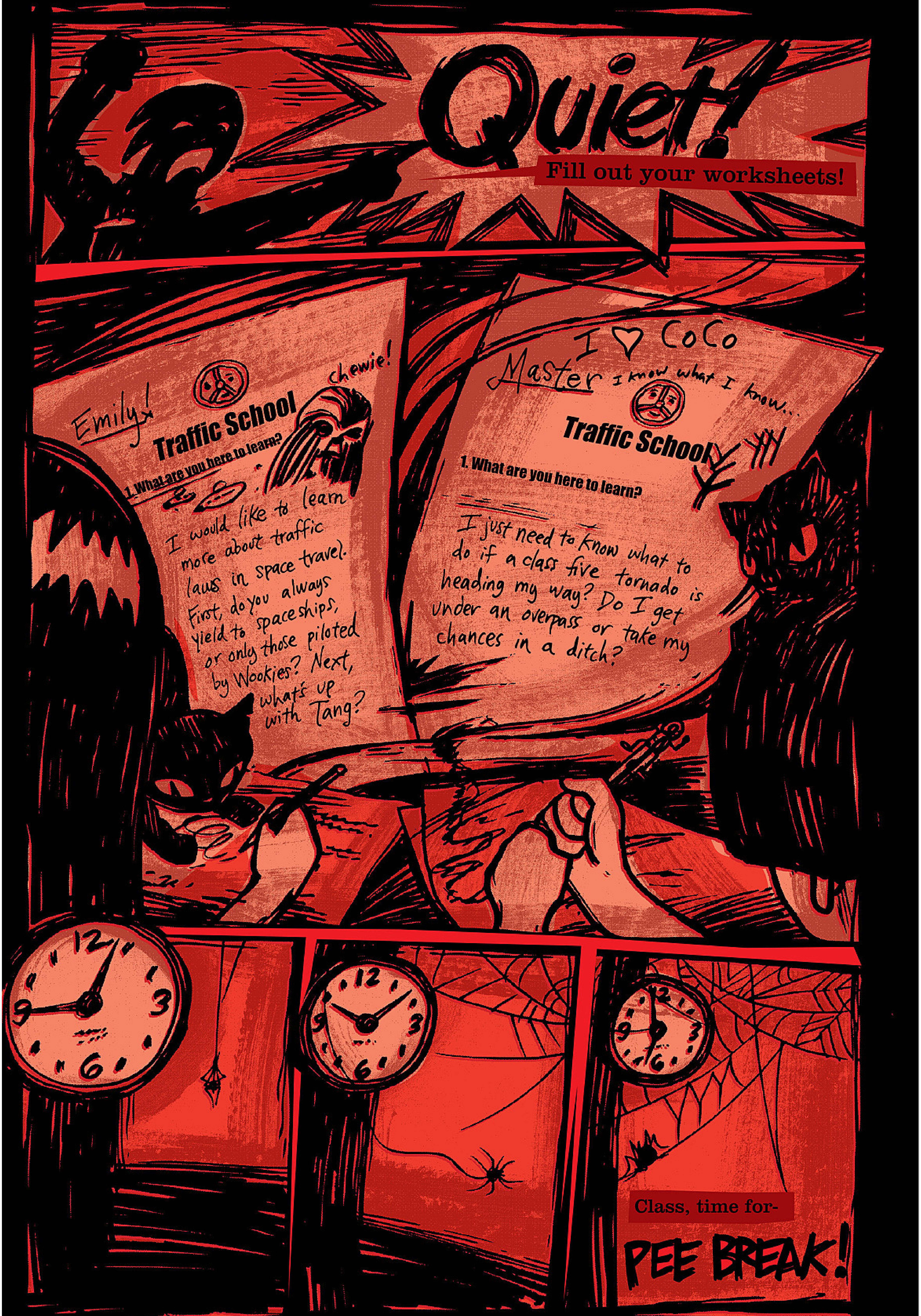
Kitty City Rockers
"On 45"

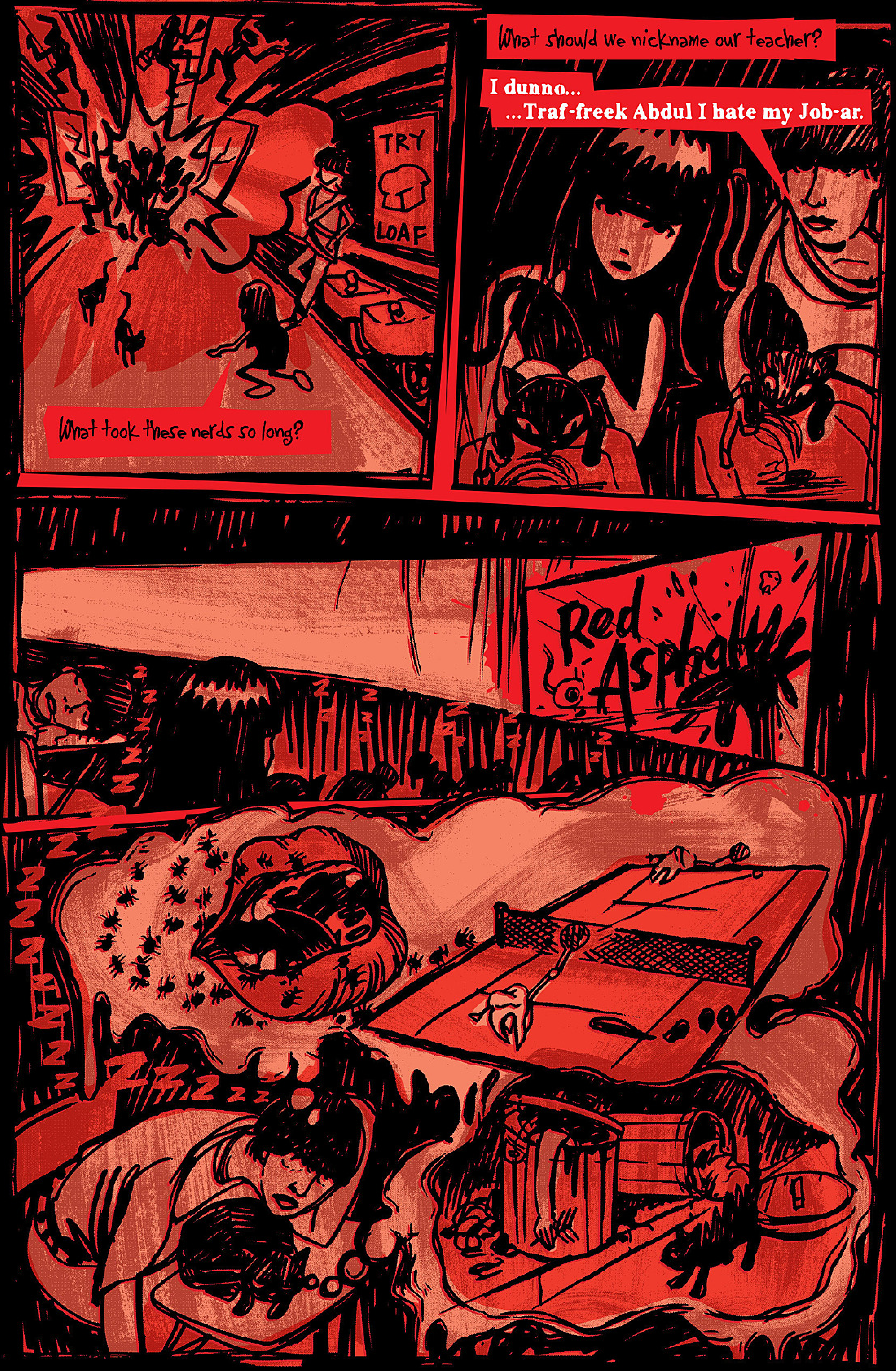
TUNE OUT.



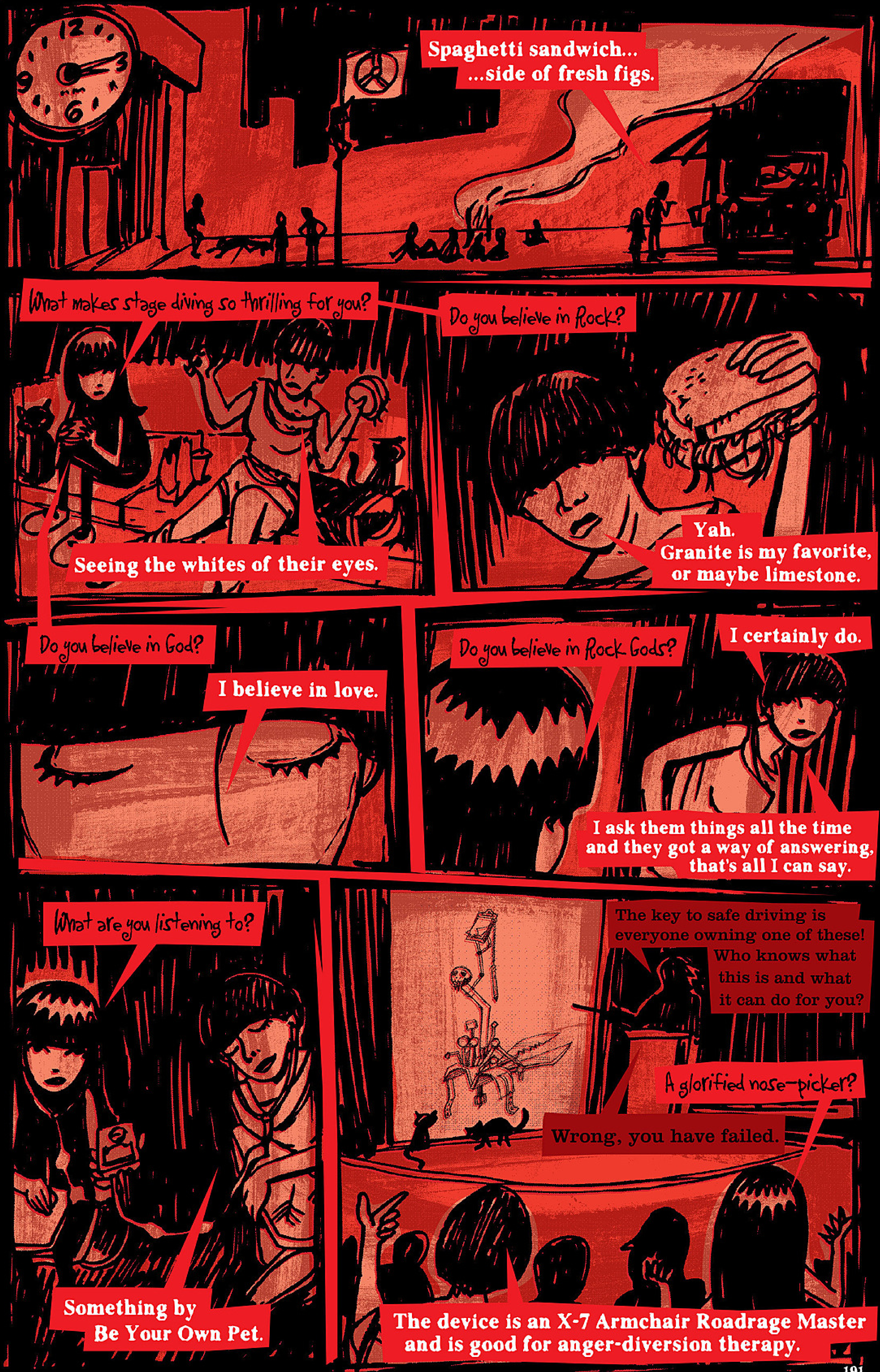

Another Strange Interview
Karen O of the Yeah Yeah Yeahs
CHEAP TRAFFIC SCHOOL
Last night was a blast! I didn't sleep much, but it was worth it!
If you're going to bother staying out better make it count!
grumble grumble LATE grumble NO RESPECT grumble NEVER AMOUNT TO ANYTHING ...
Why are people so uptight?
Oops! We just ruined his life.
grumble grumble Only two bathroom breaks grumble ....three pop quizzes, forced team learning grumble
Hey, let's be neighbors!
YOU! In the back! NO TALKING!

This is Sabbath.
Where did you two meet?
This is Coco Beware.
We met in the desert in South America. For real!
Blah bluh blah... ...blah...
Sorry to put you through this with me, but I am guessing we'll need your help later.
meow.
Tell me what rockers to swallow?! Tell me, little fweak.
So, what are you IN for?
Driving underage.
How 'bout you?
I have a need for speed. I vaporize speed readers.
Eat my dust! I also come here to try to meet men who get busted for driving around without pants on.


Quiet!
Fill out your worksheets!
Emily!
Traffic School
chewie!
1. What are you here to learn?
I would like to learn more about traffic laws in space travel. First, do you always yield to spaceships, or only those piloted by Wookies? Next, what's up with Tang?
I ♡ CoCo
Master
I know what I know...
Traffic School
1. What are you here to learn?
I just need to know what to do if a class five tornado is heading my way? Do I get under an overpass or take my chances in a ditch?
Class, time for-
PEE BREAK!


TRY
LOAF
What took these nerds so long?
What should we nickname our teacher?
I dunno...
...Traf-freek Abdul I hate my Job-ar.
Red Asphalt

POP QUIZ
Number one.
What is the point of viewing the film RED ASPHALT?
Traffic School
1. What is the point of viewing the film RED ASPHALT?
Don't paint the roads red with your blood or anyone's blood
9. When is it appropriate to make a Y-turn?
A Y turn is a double twist of the wrist turning the volume knob up and the bummer knob down
11. If the skull hanging from your rearview mirror starts speaking to you, what gear should your vehicle be in?
That's about the time to dump the clutch and grind it into 9th gear!
Time's up! Pencils down!
If you are a passenger in a car, driving a 5-wheel vehicle, wanting to do a U-turn in this 13-lane intersection, what is the proper protocol?
Grab the wheel, poke yourself in the eye, and scream "Left Turn!"



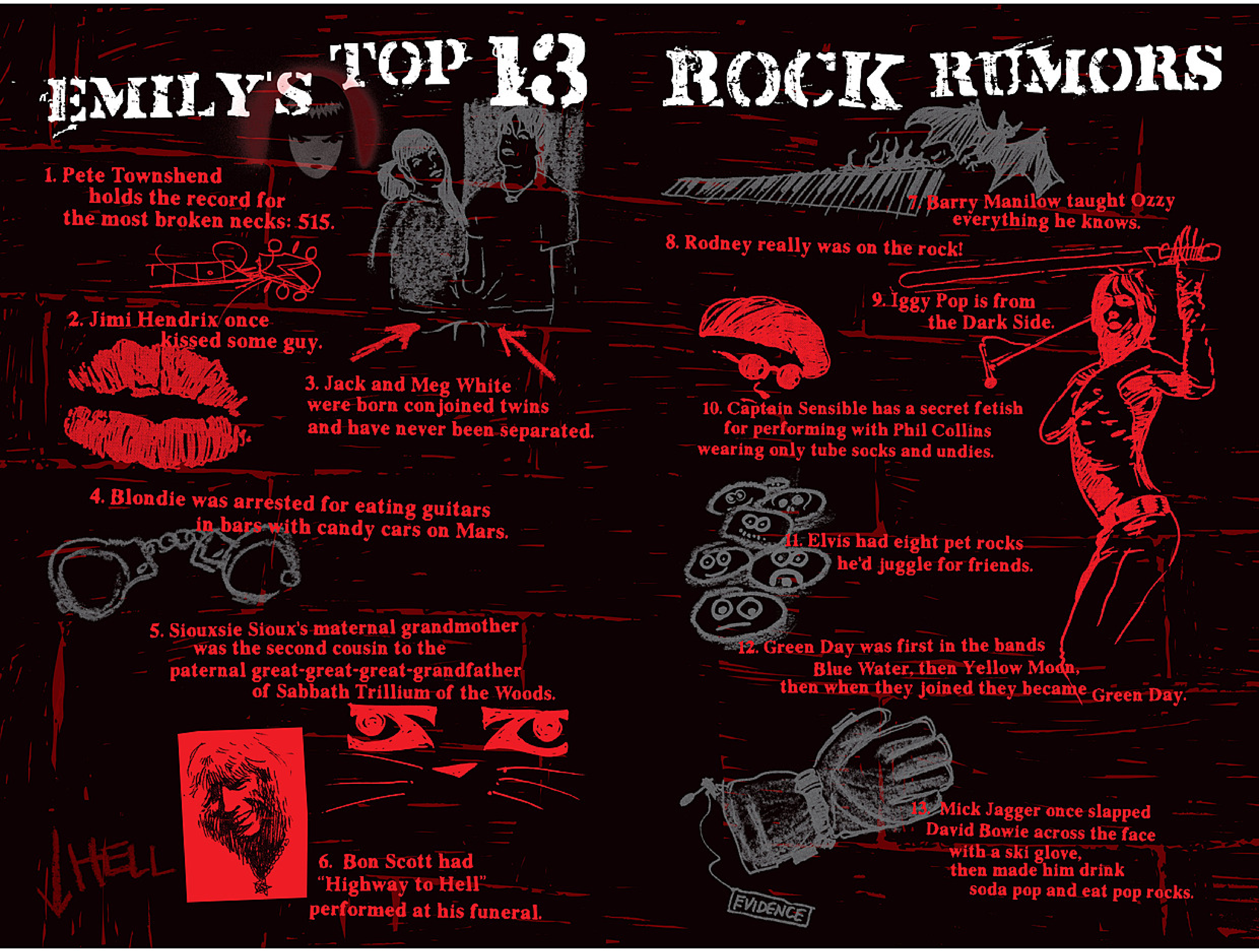
Spaghetti sandwich...
...side of fresh figs.
What makes stage diving so thrilling for you?
Seeing the whites of their eyes.
Do you believe in Rock?
Yah.
Granite is my favorite,
or maybe limestone.
Do you believe in God?
I believe in love.
Do you believe in Rock Gods?
I certainly do.
I ask them things all the time
and they got a way of answering,
that's all I can say.
What are you listening to?
Something by
Be Your Own Pet.
The key to safe driving is
everyone owning one of these!
Who knows what
this is and what
it can do for you?
A glorified nose-picker?
Wrong, you have failed.
The device is an X-7 Armchair Roadrage Master
and is good for anger-diversion therapy.

You two in the back with the cats, stay seated. You aren't going anywhere.
Everyone else, I must stamp your test as approved or you will have to repeat this class!
Yawn.
Boring.
You aren't supposed to have FUN! Listening to rock music in class, sleeping on the clock.
And CATS! Despicable!
What are you girls going to do with your lives?
You two must proceed to Traffic School Detention if you ever want to drive again!
What's up with you two?
yes!
CHOMP CHOMP CHOMP
OK
Looks real fun in there, but I got places to be, things to do...ya know?
What are you gonna do now?
I like the sight of the boys in chains.
I think I'll just look at them for a while and then rock it and sock it to all y'all suckers like only a girl like us can do.

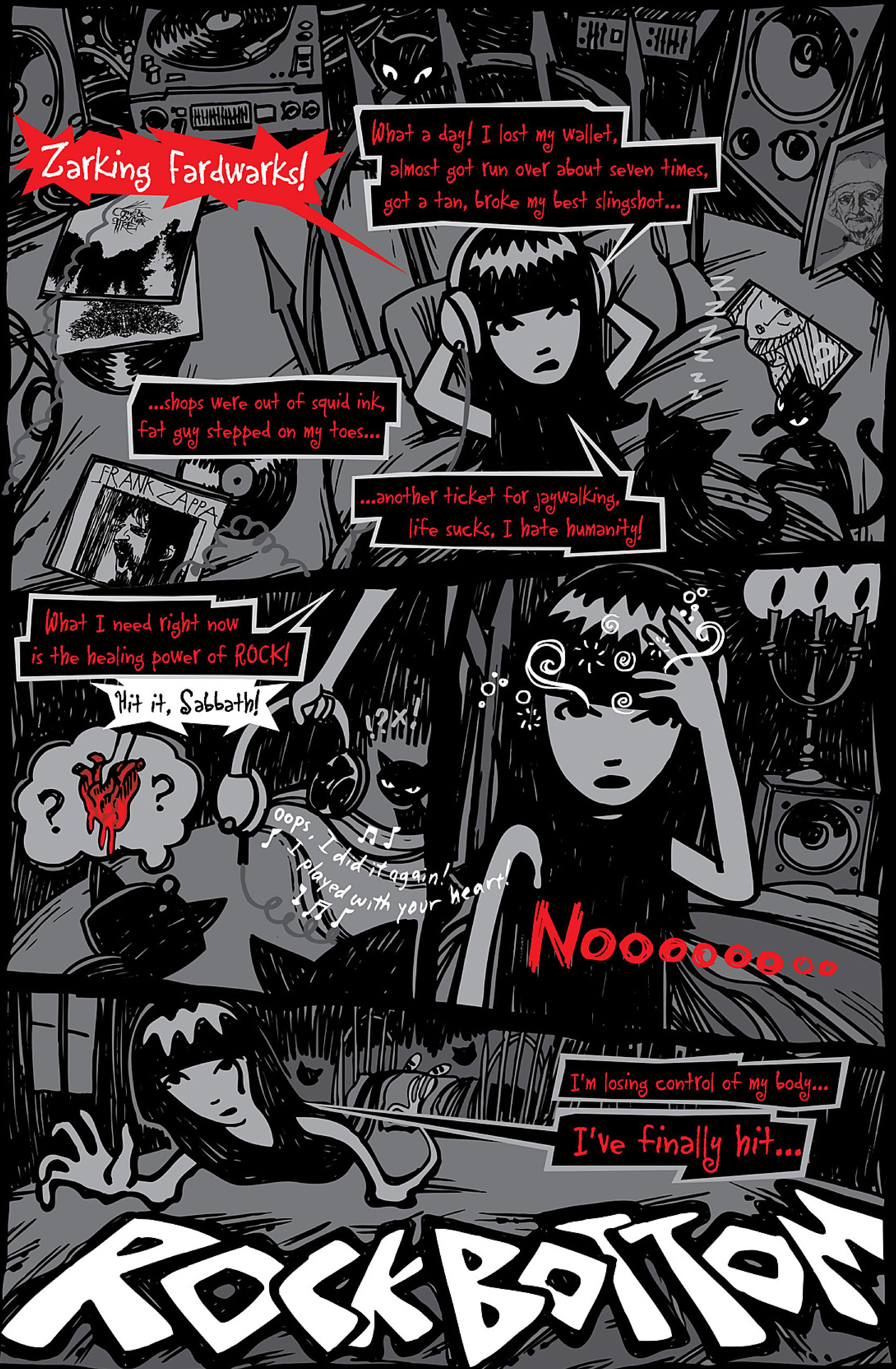
Hello and welcome to Strange Cooking with me...
...your host, Emily the Strange.
Today's recipe:
ROCK SOUP
BONK!
The great thing about Rock Soup is that the recipe isn't too particular.
So grab whatever you've got!
...string, old coins, fossils, prairie oysters, Food Loaf, failed experiments, bullet casings, fairy boots, toenails, chives, cotton, octopi...
CHOP CHOP CHOP
Chop it up on your chopping block!
... suitcases, cat whiskers, plywood, lint balls, lentils, wallpaper, tumbleweeds, plot holes, ectoplasm, hot rats, thumbprints, loam...

Melt some butter, or butter-like substance, in your trusty cauldron.
...shallots, stag beetles, hairballs, clockworks, dog chow, candy corn, dead weight, bad ideas, kipple, froth, glare, cartwheels, yardage, notions
Cook it all up until brown and crusty!
TNT
Add water, and drop in the SPECIAL INGREDIENT...
Rock of Ages
--Been in the family forever.

After it's boiled for about three days, serve it up!
...and ENJOY!
What do you think YOU'RE doing?
yuck!
ewww...
No one said it was for eating.
Recommended soundtrack:
HOT ROCKS by The Rolling Stones.


EMILY'S TOP 13 ROCK RUMORS
1. Pete Townshend holds the record for the most broken necks: 515.
2. Jimi Hendrix once kissed some guy.
3. Jack and Meg White were born conjoined twins and have never been separated.
4. Blondie was arrested for eating guitars in bars with candy cars on Mars.
5. Siouxsie Sioux's maternal grandmother was the second cousin to the paternal great-great-great-grandfather of Sabbath Trillium of the Woods.
6. Bon Scott had "Highway to Hell" performed at his funeral.
HELL
7. Barry Manilow taught Ozzy everything he knows.
8. Rodney really was on the rock!
9. Iggy Pop is from the Dark Side.
10. Captain Sensible has a secret fetish for performing with Phil Collins wearing only tube socks and undies.
11. Elvis had eight pet rocks he'd juggle for friends.
12. Green Day was first in the bands Blue Water, then Yellow Moon, then when they joined they became Green Day.
13. Mick Jagger once slapped David Bowie across the face with a ski glove, then made him drink soda pop and eat pop rocks.
EVIDENCE

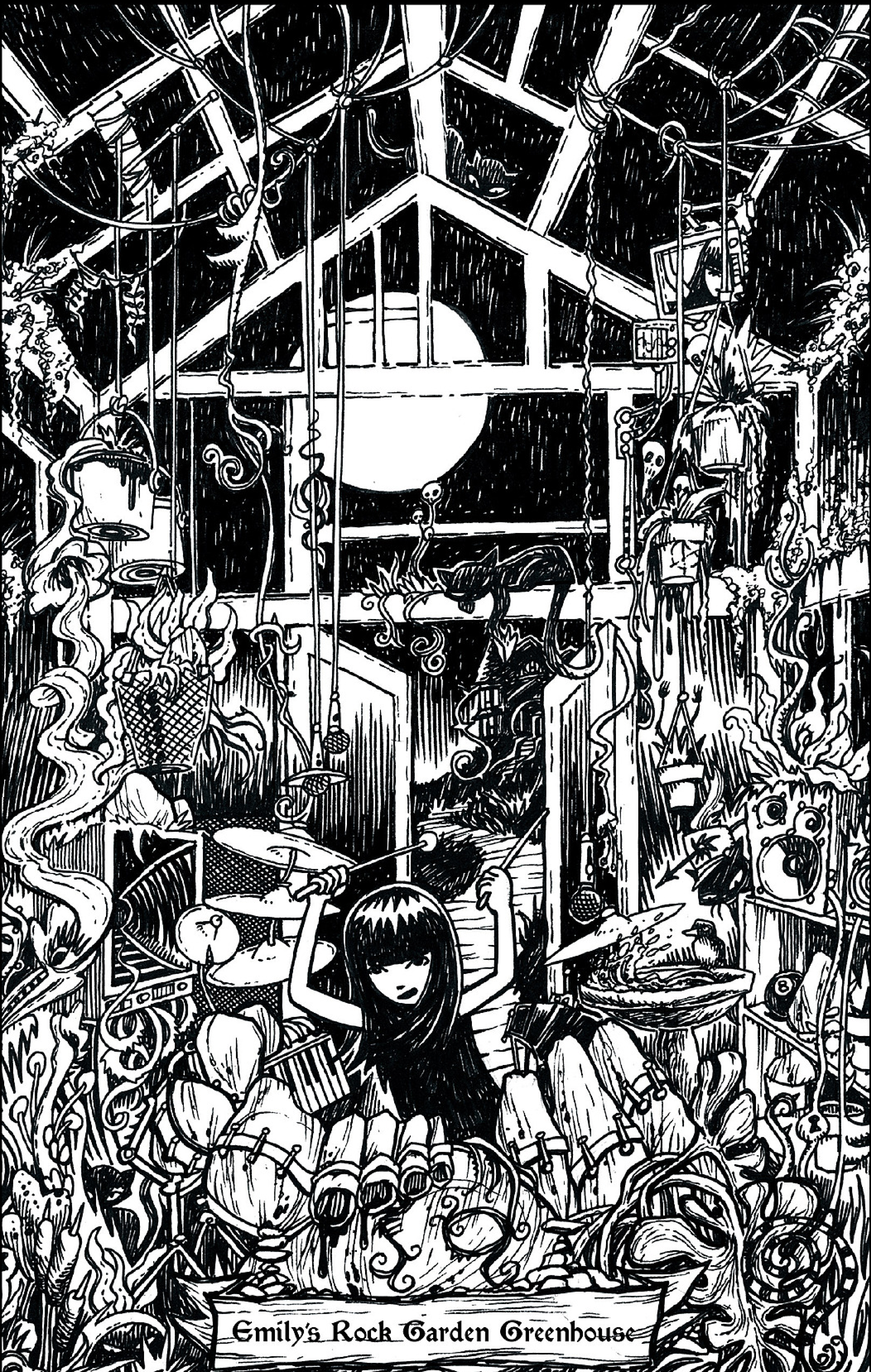
While perusing some of her favorite vintage comic books, Emily is suddenly swept into a massive vortex of "Pitches from the Past," advertising slogans from bygone days...
Emily and her faithful felines immediately employ their razor-sharp powers of analytical thought to cut through the hype and narrowly escape being swallowed up by the evil Mega-Spin Fandibulum!
Out the other side pops Emily and her fearless furry friends!
Saved again by her independent spirit!
Oooofff! So much for those corny old sales pitches. The only pitch I want now is pitch black!
Trip Out designed by Winston Smith while in a trance 2006
AMAZING
FANTASTIC
END YEARS OF DISTRESS
do you WORRY?
MAGIC is FUN!
CLEANS WINDOWS WITHOUT WATER
HYPNOTISM
BE POPULAR • AMAZE • ENTERTAIN
Get FREE PRIZES
SEND NO MONEY
DETECTIVE PROFESSION
SEND FOR THIS FREE BOOKLET
Own a BOWLFULL OF HAPPINESS
LEARN TO MOUNT BIRDS
NEW
X-RAY BINOCULAR SPECS
SHOW EXCITING MAGNIFIED CLOSE-UPS
Easy as A-B-C
OPPORTUNITIES AHEAD!
Double-Think
FUN TRICKS FREE
E=MC²
TOMBSTONES DIRECT TO YOU $9.95 up
LEARN MEAT CUTTING
MAKE MAGIC YOUR HOBBY
Radio MICROPHONE
DO YOU WANT MONEY-LOVE-LUCK!
LEARN PORTRAIT PAINTING AT HOME
COLLECT $9.95
SEND ONLY $1.00
LEARN TO DANCE $1.00
BUY UNITED STATES WAR BONDS AND STAMPS
Double-Think
IT IS EASY TO BORROW BY MAIL!
EASY MONEY
FUN! RECREATION! PROFIT!
Learn At Home
X-RAY SPECS
FREE!
BONUS GIFTS
FORTIFY THE FUTURE
AUTO BODY and FENDER WORK
MILLIONS THRILLED BEYOND WORDS!
AFRAID OF A-BOMB CONTAMINATION?
FREE
91 YEARS OF FUN
HURRY! Grab this opportunity
My Secret Method Has Worked Wonders for Thousands
DRAW for MONEY ... Be an ARTIST!
Make $1 to $6 Weekly
GUARANTEED
WONDERFUL WORLD of AMAZING LIFE

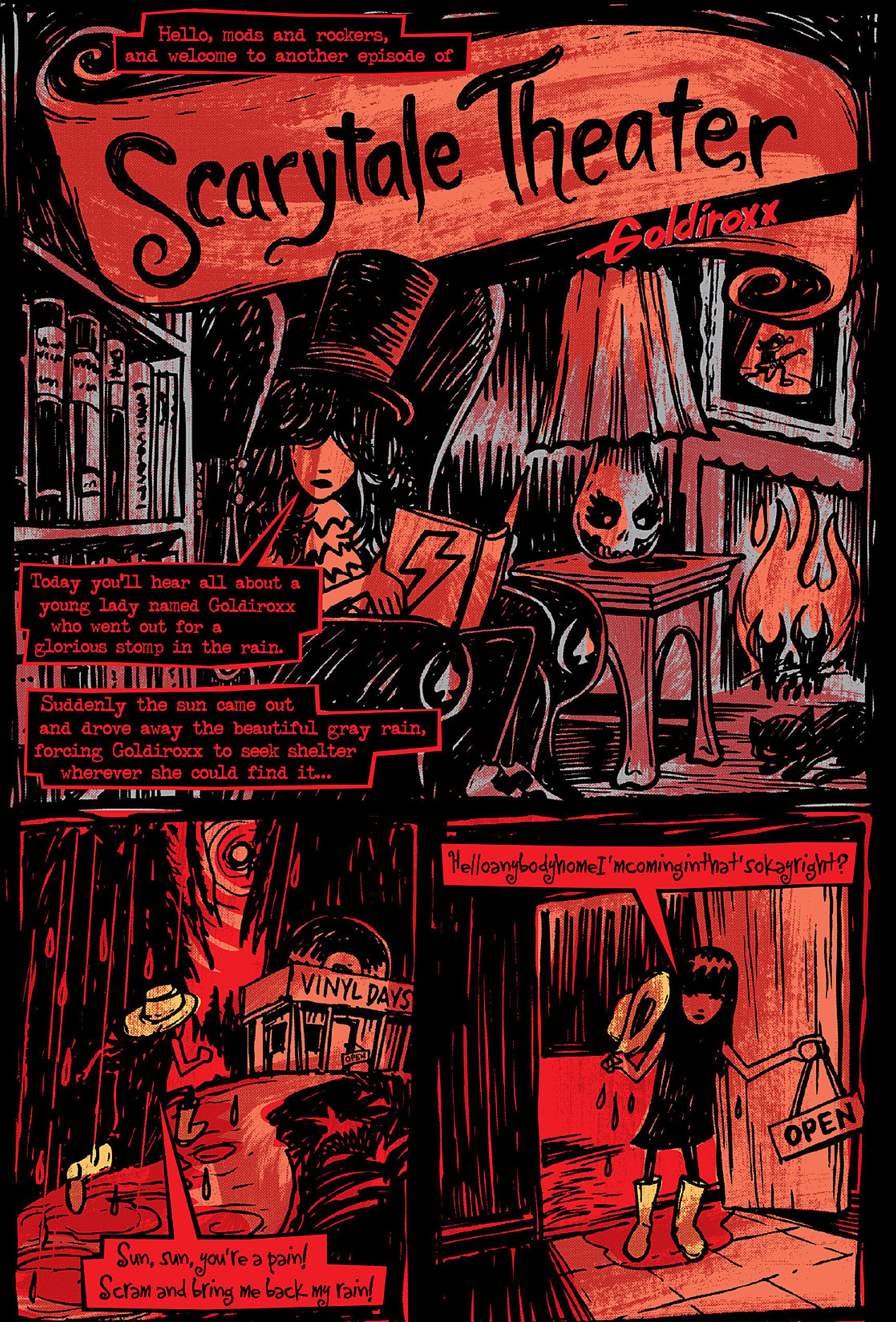


Zarking Fardwarks!
What a day! I lost my wallet, almost got run over about seven times, got a tan, broke my best slingshot...
...shops were out of squid ink, fat guy stepped on my toes...
...another ticket for jaywalking, life sucks, I hate humanity!
FRANK ZAPPA
What I need right now is the healing power of ROCK!
Hit it, Sabbath!
!?✕!
Oops, I did it again! I played with your heart!
Noooooooo
I'm losing control of my body...
I've finally hit...
ROCK BOTTOM

Lost...
Will...
to...
Live...
I can't rock, but I can roll.
I'm actually lower than a snake's belly. MEH.
Watch out down there!
Pick yourself up, girl!
Eh, go feed a tree.

Oh. No. This.
Looks. Like.
The.
End.
Goodbye cruel world I'm leaving you today...
R.I.P.
Man, looks like I just hit rock bottom!
I guess I just needed to go underground where my roots are!
I LOVE hitting rock bottom!
RIP
RIP
Lite Rock
Black Rock
CEMETARY
Hit me!
Eww! Hit your own rock bottom!
li'l Henge
Nigel
END


Emily's Rock Garden Greenhouse



Hello, mods and rockers, and welcome to another episode of
Scarytale Theater
Goldiroxx
Today you'll hear all about a young lady named Goldiroxx who went out for a glorious stomp in the rain.
Suddenly the sun came out and drove away the beautiful gray rain, forcing Goldiroxx to seek shelter wherever she could find it...
VINYL DAYS
OPEN
Sun, sun, you're a pain! Scram and bring me back my rain!
HelloanybodyhomeI'mcominginthat'sokayright?
OPEN

Goldiroxx enters the vacant record store...
Stupid sun almost got me...
...but this place is gonna ROCK me!
GLAD COMPANY
Feel like making hugs
Feel like making hugs
Feel like making
hugs to you...

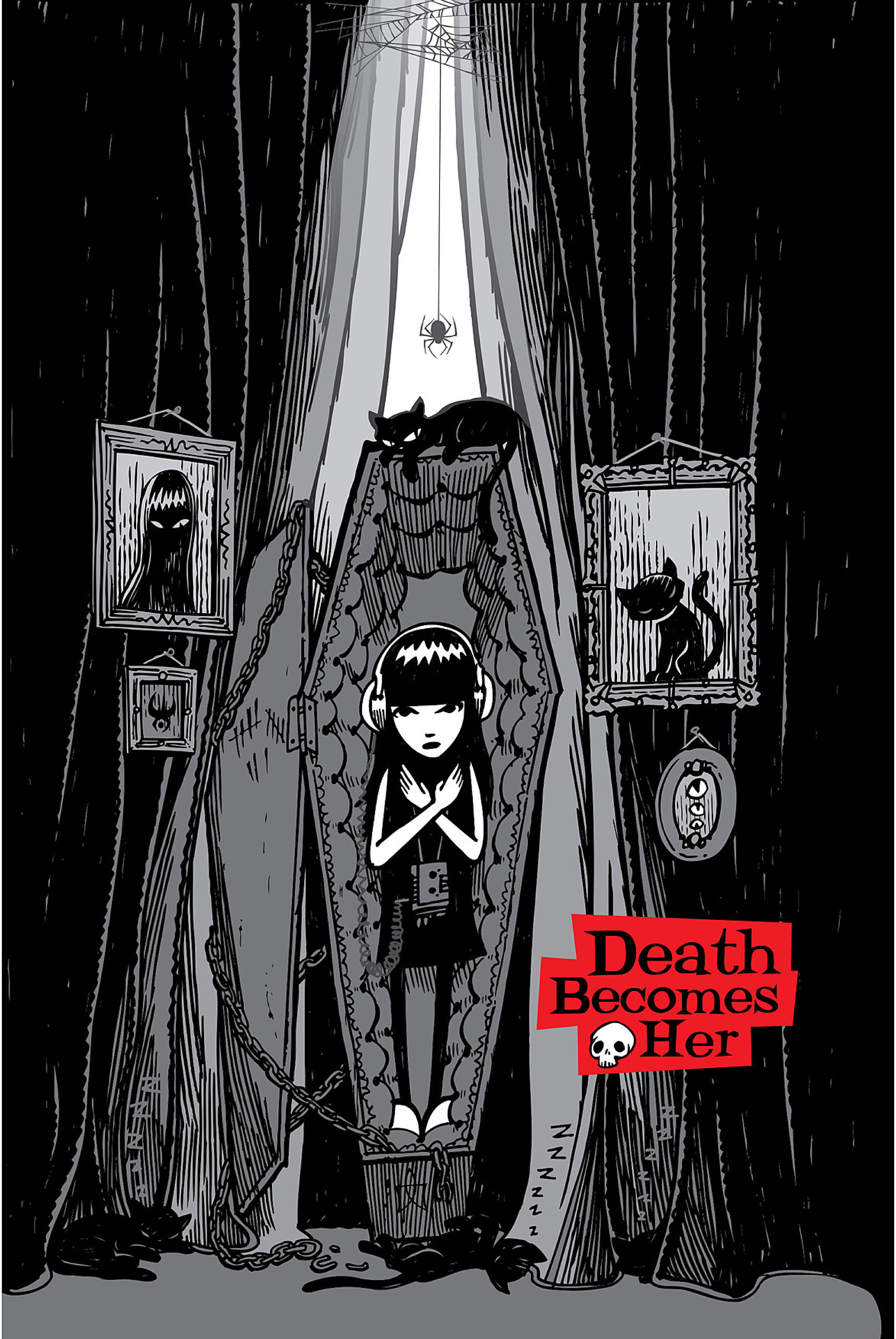
While gasping for air,
Goldiroxx swats the needle.
Next Record!
TOP RELEASE
"Banjos Are Really Fun"??
Banjos Are Really Fun
BARF is right!
These records stink...
...time to turn the tables!

You are the
Wiiiiind beneath my
Wiiii
SKREEEEEF
NEXT!
Smelline Dion?
Whitney Pooston!
My Hammy Sound Machine!...
Don't these people know there are faster, less painful ways to damage your brain?
Can't...
...trust...
...must...
...look before...
FRANK ZAPPA
CHUNGA'S REVENGE

Later, after finally finding some really good stuff...
the horseman turns, the wounds that burn.
IMPORT
Now... now... whatchoo want...
Whatchoo said... ow!... ba ba ba...
Can we help you?
She bwoke my wecords... ...sniff.
Look, kid ... I was just doing you a favor. You're cooler than those records. I even left you a list of records I'd suggest you listen to.
But here's one good suggestion -- listen to your dad's records. Your mom's are crap!
get new music to listen to:
She's got a poin... Ow!
BONK
Gerald!
Papa? What's a Dead Kennedy?

Emily the Strange
NOISE NOISE NOISE
ESP 5 TRACK VINYL RIPPER
ESP5X-13-923
BURNS DVDS STRAIGHT TO VINYL
SEEKING MECHANISM FOR BACKWARD MASKING
COMPACT DISCS PLAY WITH FELINE GROOVY STYLUS
LIVING TONE ARM
TURNS ALL DIGITAL SIGNALS TO ANALOG NOISE
CHECK OUT WHICH ARTISTS EMILY MIXES UP
STATE OF THE ART FEATURES:
•VINTAGE VICTROLA SPEAKER WITH SPIKES
•POWER REQUIREMENT: 8-BALL ENERGY SOURCE LASER
•USELESS RANDOM VINTAGE WIRES
•OUTPUT: 13 MEOW
•OUTPUT NOISE NOISE NOISE: YES
•IMPEDANCE: 300 UM
•CORRECTS CRAPPY MUSIC
FELINE GROOVY STYLUS FEATURES:
•SELF CLEANING FUR SWIPE
•3 SPARE 'NEEDLES' IN EVERY PAW
•GUARANTEED 'CAT SCRATCH FEVER'
CHARLOTTE VOTED BEST PREVIEW OF THE YEAR 11-30 2007
COMING SOON 2013
emily Rocks!
DVD
AVAILABLE NOW! AND FREE!!
Emily's NOISE NOISE NOISE PLAYER
NNN3X-4/99
HEAR STRANGE!
STATE OF THE ART FEATURES:
•NEW TRACKS EVERY THURSDAY
•DISCOVER STRANGE NEW MUSIC
•EXCELLENT SOURCE OF EAR VITAMINS
•PLAYER LAUNCHES AUTOMATICALLY AT MIDNIGHT!
•PLAYS IN SEPARATE WINDOW SO YOU CAN TAKE IT WITH YOU
•GO TO EMILYSTRANGE.COM FOR FREE DEMONSTRATION
ALSO ON EMILY'S SITE
EMILY'S ATTIC NOISE
CONTROL NOISE
emilystrange.com
close attic
EMILY'S ATTIC NOISE
COSMICDEBRIS
red buttons for pressing
trackus informorticus
YEAH YEAH YEAHS
Cheated Hearts 3:58
CHOOSE NOISE
MORE NOISE
emilystrange.com
go away button
cover art
EmilyStrange.com
back track
play
next
halt!

PUNK IS DEAD
PUNK LIVES!
MABUHAY GARDENS
ON BROADWAY
DEAF CLUB
CBGB
D.O.A.
THE CRAMPS
THE DAMNED
CRASS
the TWINS
PUNK ROCK?
YEP, I BEEN LISTENING TO THAT SHIT FOR OVER 30 YEARS NOW, AND IT STILL SUCKS!
WS
Emily the Strange
NEVER GIVE UP!

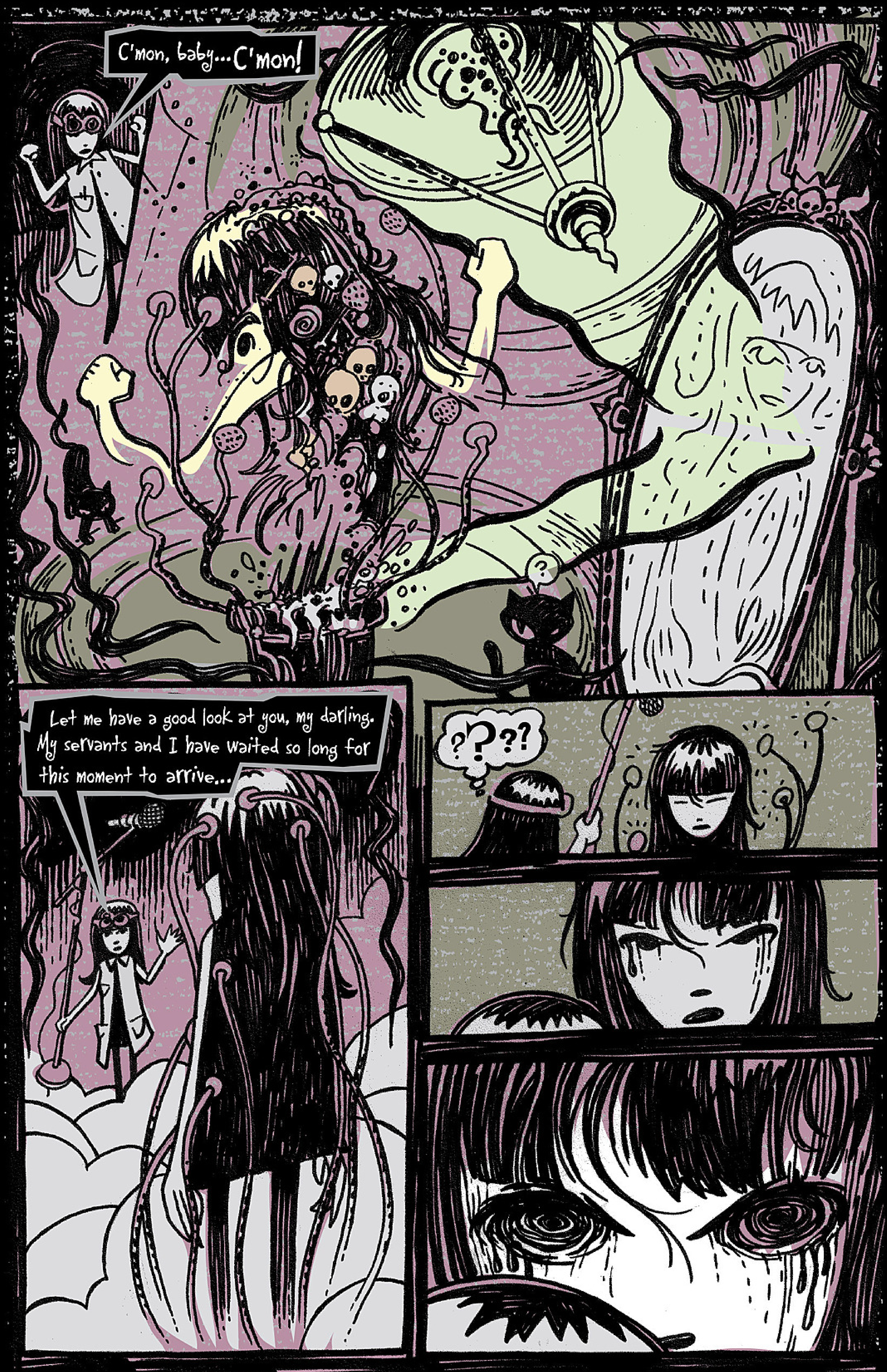

Death Becomes Her

Enter the DEATH Issue!
where all your dreamy death-outs will come true!
Loosen up your stitches and take a walk with me,
this ride to the dark side is just beginning....
ES
Let's go on a Death Trip!..

NINE DEATHS
1 MILES
CATNIP OVERDOSE
Was it an overdose? Snuffocation?
Killed by death.
2 MYSTERY
NAP ...OR DIRT NAP?
BAT, dude. Bat. With a B.
3 SABBATH
HEAD BITTEN OFF AT ROCK CONCERT
CONDEMNED
Hmmmmm...
4 NEECHEE
PICKED THE WRONG LOCK

SABBATH
5
ELECTROCUTION IS DELICIOUS
ROOT BEER
MILES
6
WRONG NAP PLACE, WRONG NAP TIME
RR
7
NEECHEE
SNORTED BY KEIF RICHARDS
Keif, that's not your dad!
Wot?
SALE
8
MYSTERY
SMOOSHED BY STEAMROLLER
9
EMILY
SMOOSHED BY STEAMROLLER WHILE TRYING TO SAVE MYSTERY!

1877.
Northwestern province of Glasskilter in the Cragenlouster mountain range. High atop Berkillington Mountain lives the mischievous Dr. Strange. On this icy cold evening, the time has come...
LIFE of DEATH
...Is the night ready for the doctor's latest nature-bending experiment?...
ON/OFF
FIRE NOW ANIMATE
Months of preparation, weeks of development, hours of research, minutes of micro-managing unknown results...
...and now the one final second to test my greatest E.S.P.eriment of all time!
Uh oh. Here we go again!...
NOW!


C'mon, baby...C'mon!
Let me have a good look at you, my darling. My servants and I have waited so long for this moment to arrive...
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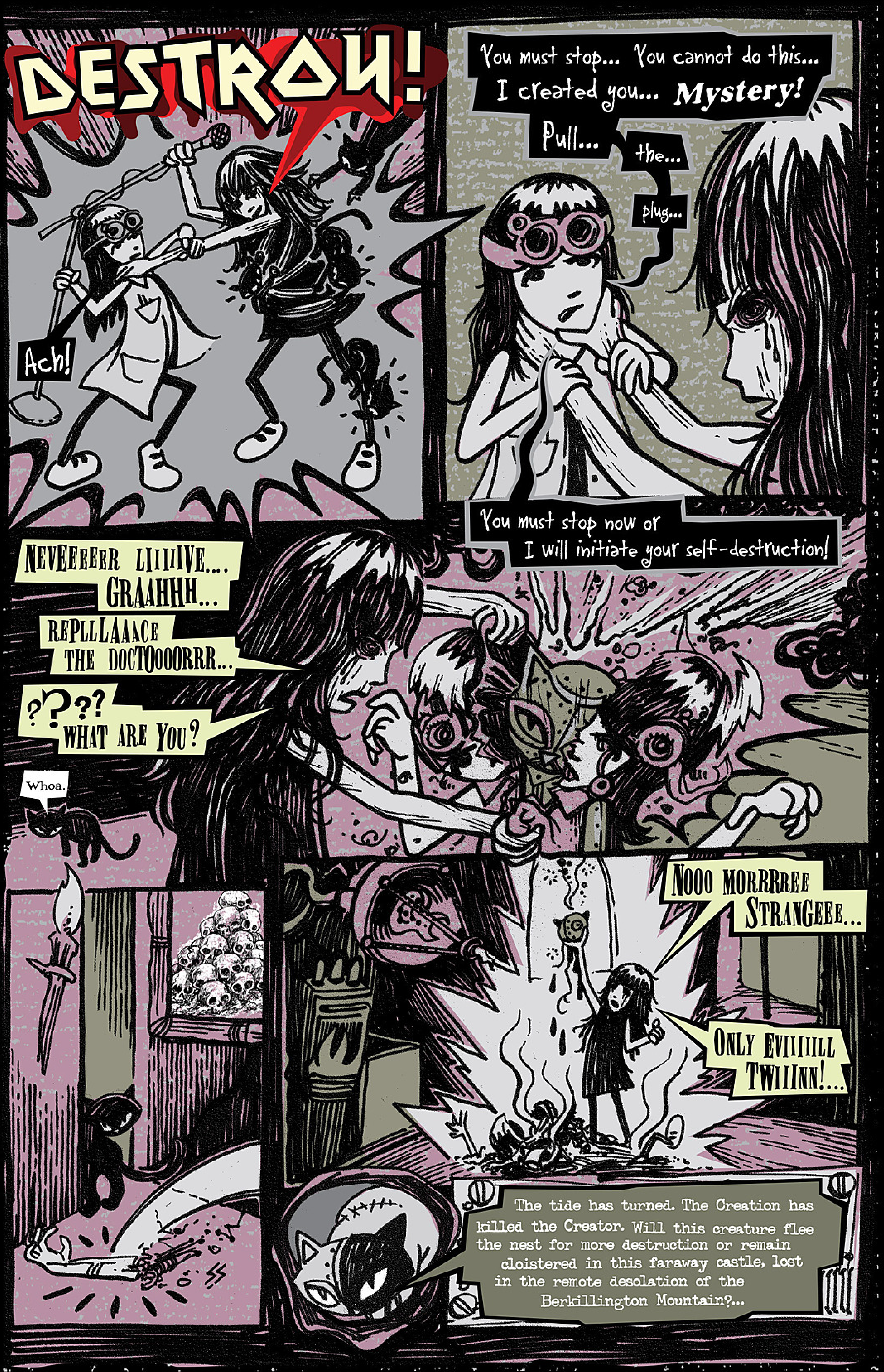
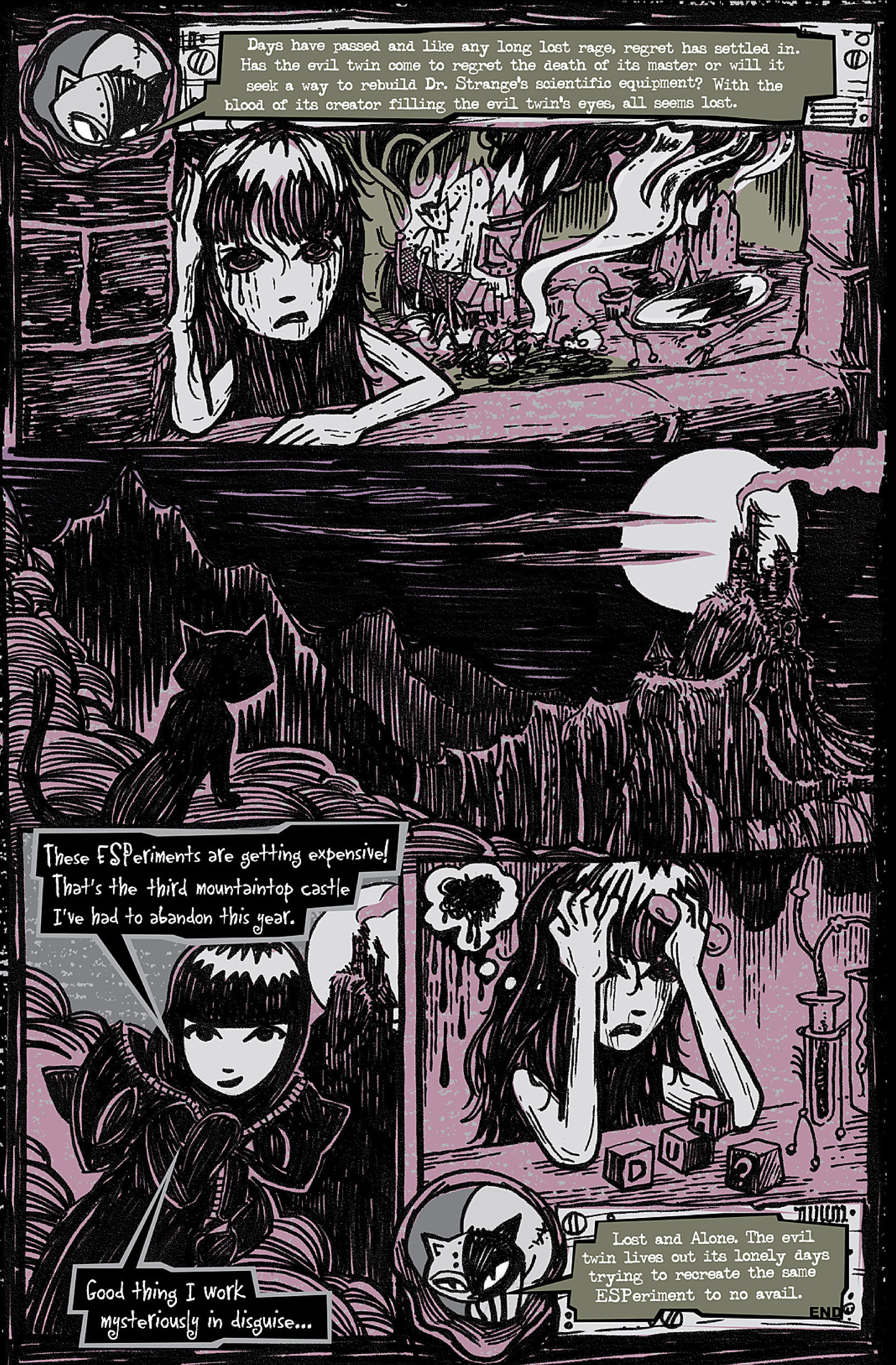
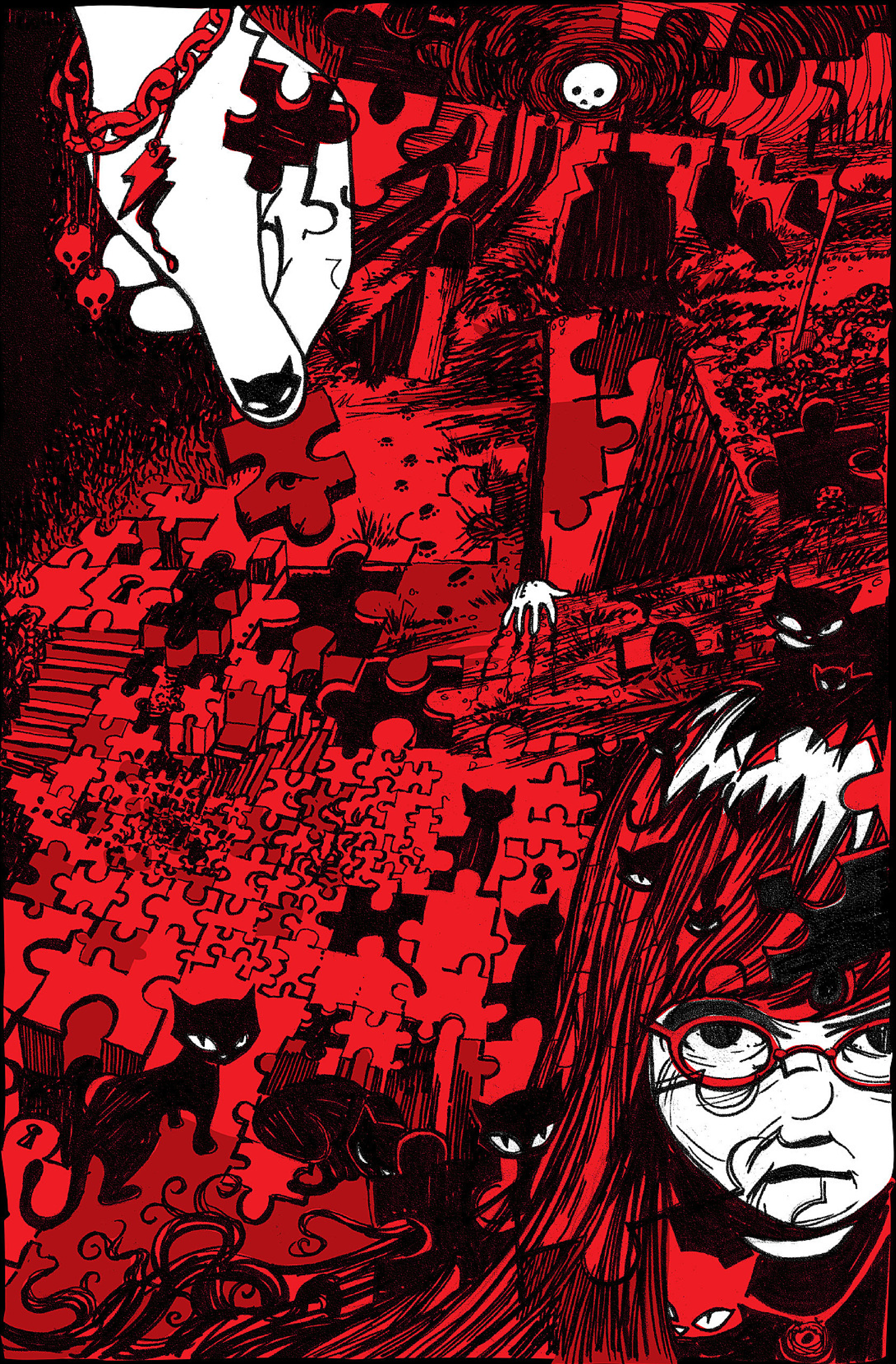
?


DESTROY!
Ach!
You must stop... You cannot do this... I created you... Mystery!
Pull...
the...
plug...
You must stop now or I will initiate your self-destruction!
NEVEEEEER LIIIIIVE.... GRAAHHH...
REPLLLAAACE THE DOCTOOOORRR...
?!??! WHAT ARE YOU?
Whoa.
NOOO MORRRREE STRANGEEE...
ONLY EVIIIIILL TWIIINN!...
The tide has turned. The Creation has killed the Creator. Will this creature flee the nest for more destruction or remain cloistered in this faraway castle, lost in the remote desolation of the Berkillington Mountain?...


Days have passed and like any long lost rage, regret has settled in. Has the evil twin come to regret the death of its master or will it seek a way to rebuild Dr. Strange's scientific equipment? With the blood of its creator filling the evil twin's eyes, all seems lost.
These ESPeriments are getting expensive! That's the third mountaintop castle I've had to abandon this year.
Good thing I work mysteriously in disguise...
D
U
H
?
Lost and Alone. The evil twin lives out its lonely days trying to recreate the same ESPeriment to no avail.
END

Born wearing black,
Emily's nightmare sleeps.
Grown down dressed in black,
Emily and her cats creep.
Aged by every night
the black begins its wave,
to the final dark forever...
from the cradle to the grave.



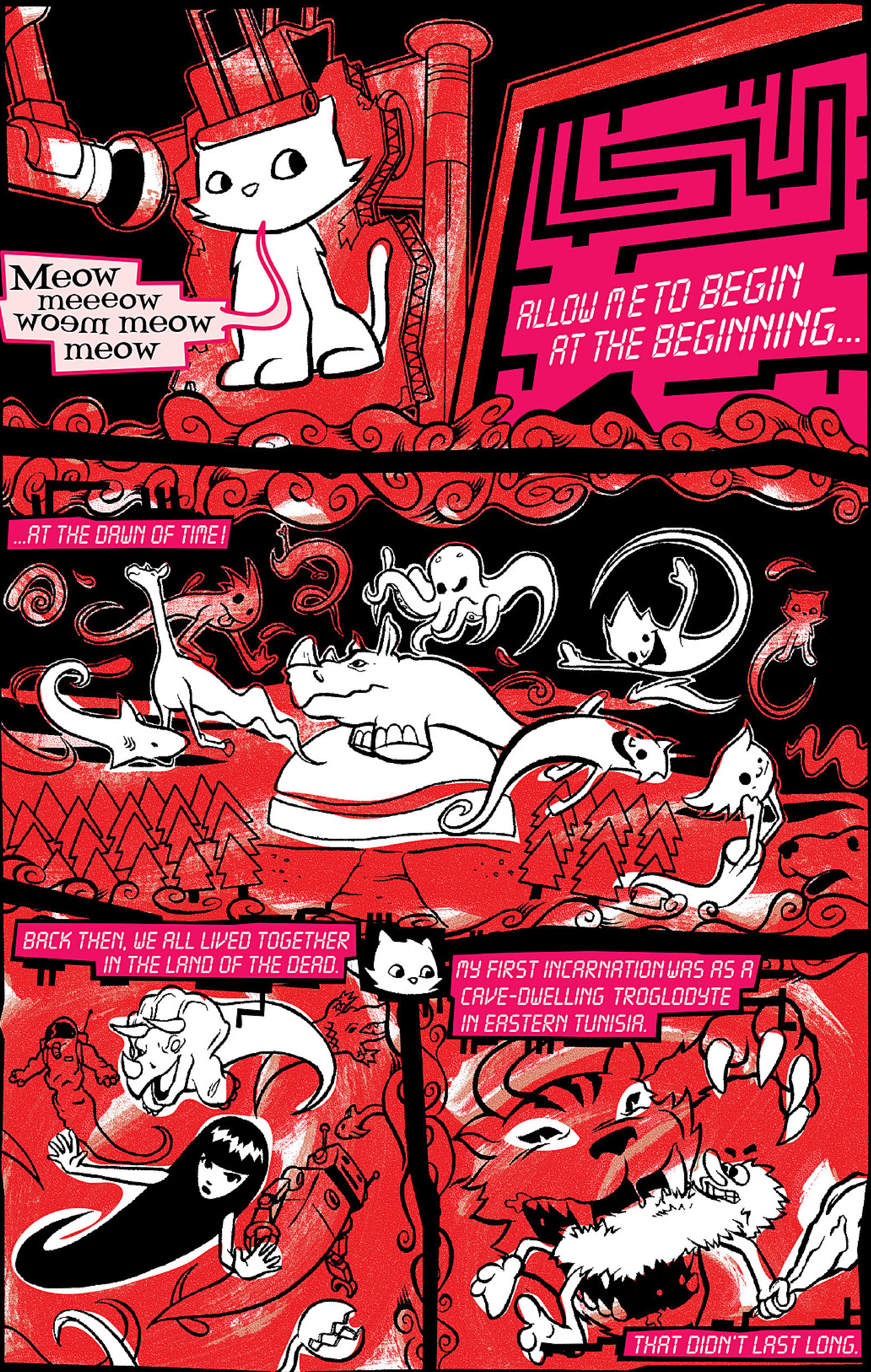
DEAD CAT WALKIN'
PART ONE
Aboveground, Emily was happily gardening, while underground, dirty pretty dead things were pushing up daisies.
LAWN OF THE DEAD
Dead... and buried.
Meanwhile, across the street...
DROP-DEAD PRETTY, HUH?
Here, Snowy... Here, Bitsy...
Come to Mommy...
No no, Fluffy, don't play in the street...

And here comes DEATH ON WHEELS!
SLOW DOWN KITTIES @ PLAY! SPEED KILLS CATS
All cats out of the road --death machine coming!
Fluffy was about to discover the cure for LIFE!
MARKED FOR DEATH!
NOOOOOOOOO!
BOOM!
me-OW!

NOOOOoo!
O angel of death, why did you take... ~sniff sniff~
~sniff sniff~ ...my Fluffy from me?
KILLED BY DEATH!
EM REAPER!
There there, ma'am. All dogs go to heaven and all cats go to...
...Emily's Death Lab!
Hmmm... haven't reanimated a cat in a while. Hope I'm not at a dead end here.

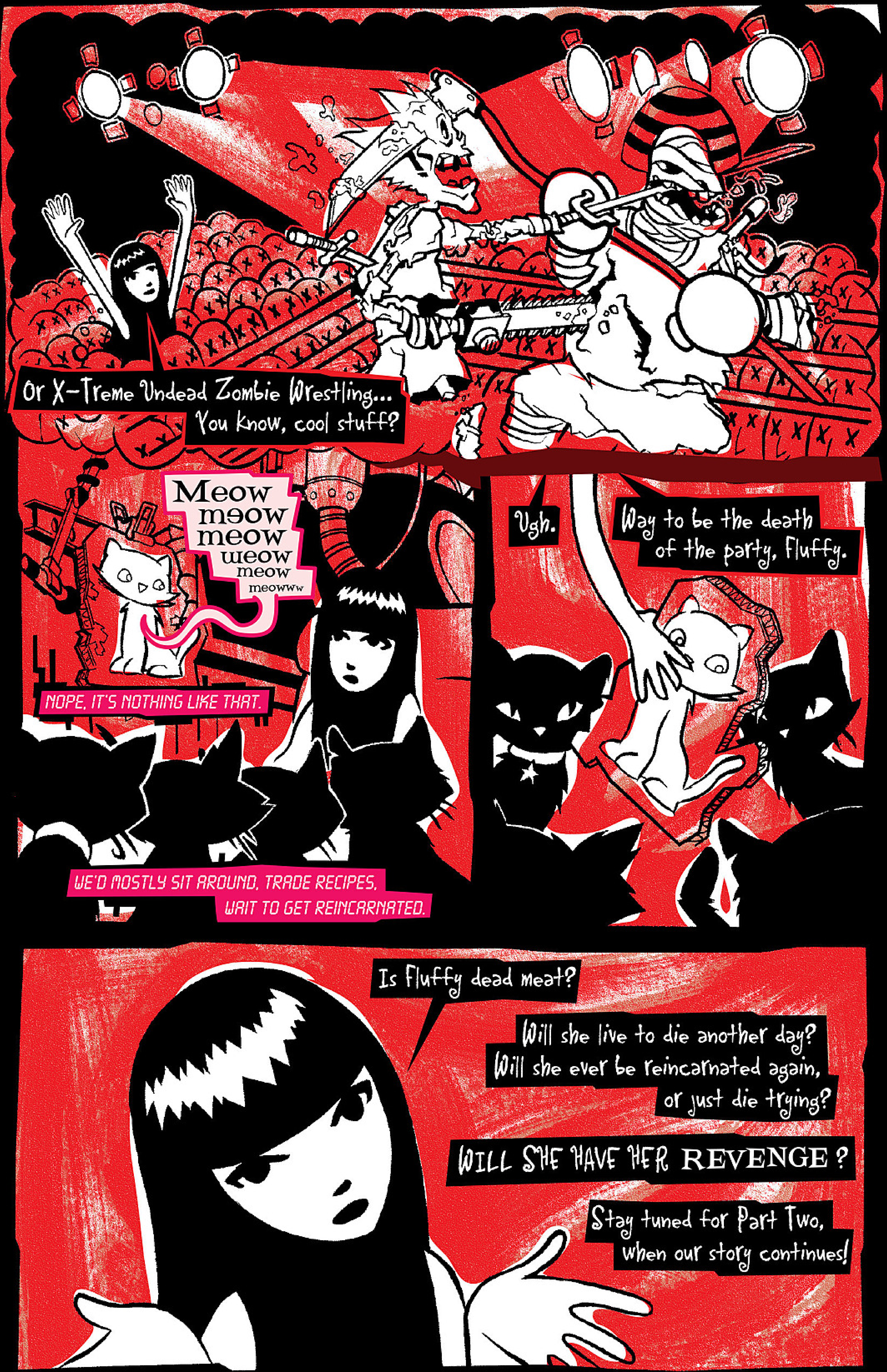
Dude, Sabbath, don't play around with death!
NOOOOOOOOO!
FLUFFY
HEAD
TALE
BODY
Meow!
FLUFFY
HEAD
TALE
BODY
Color me impressed, Sabbath. Fluffy is back from the dead.

All we need now is a little old-fashioned cut-and-paste.
Easy there, Fluffy, let's cut off some dead wood here...
Meee ...OW!
...and get you out of this Dead Zone.
Miles, NeeChee, Sabbath, Mystery.... I give you...
Fluffy the Living Dead!
Meow!
ENGLISH TO CAT
CAT TO ENGLISH
TRANSLATE!
!!!!!
Okay, Fluffy,
I know you want revenge.
We ALL want revenge.
But first, I want to hear all about the Land of the Dead.



Meow meeeow woem meow meow
ALLOW ME TO BEGIN AT THE BEGINNING...
...AT THE DAWN OF TIME!
BACK THEN, WE ALL LIVED TOGETHER IN THE LAND OF THE DEAD.
MY FIRST INCARNATION WAS AS A CAVE-DWELLING TROGLODYTE IN EASTERN TUNISIA.
THAT DIDN'T LAST LONG.

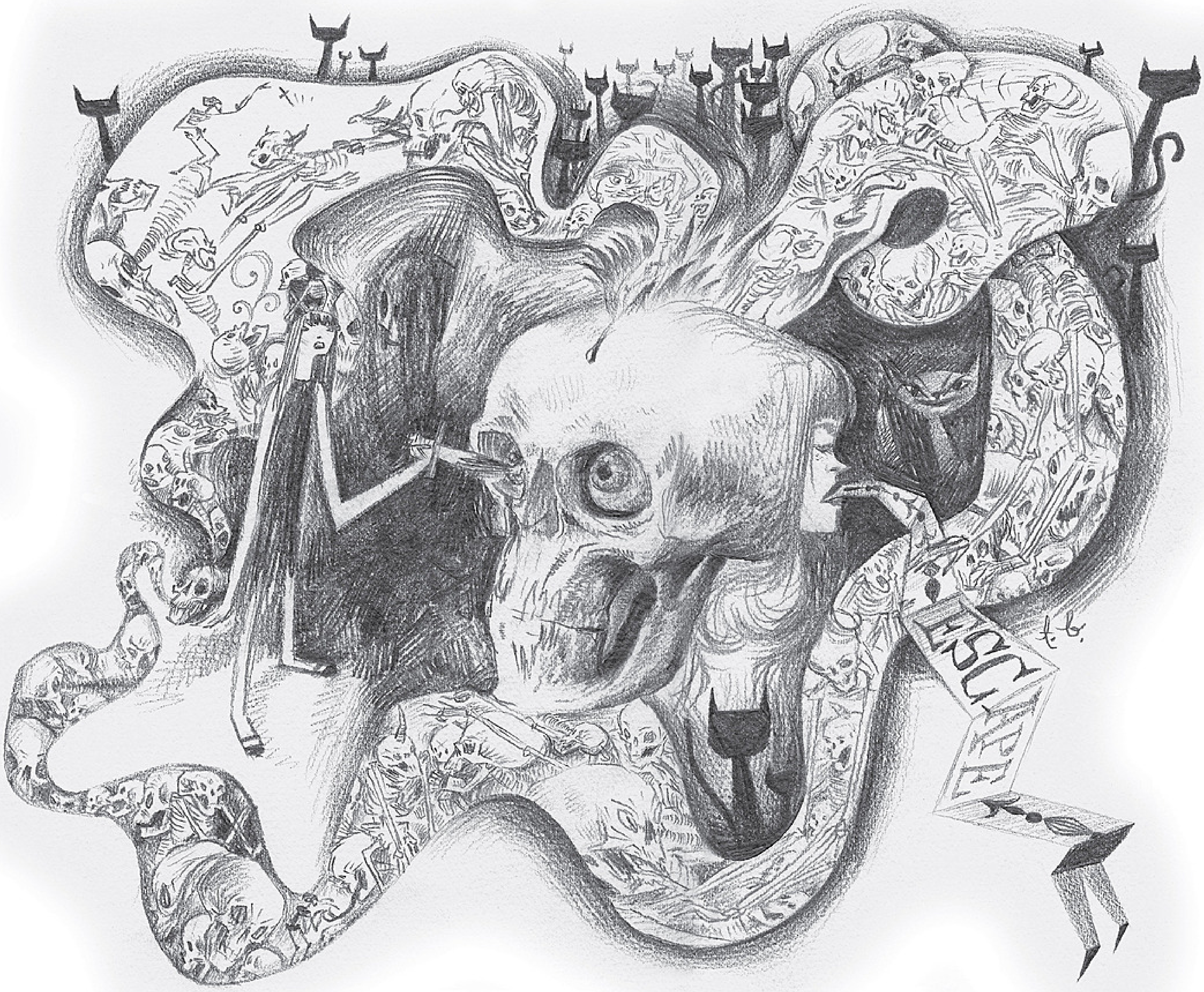
AFTER THAT I WAS A HAMMERHEAD SHARK
(EATEN BY MY OWN PARENTS)
A GIANT SEQUOIA
(CLEAR-CUTTING)
AND SECOND IN COMMAND TO NAPOLEON
(CHOKED ON FISH BONE)
Hey – I don't want to hear about your LIVES. What about the Land of the DEAD?
BORED TO DEATH!
I mean, is it as great as I think? You know...
...Neverending death jams?
DEAD POETS!


Or X-Treme Undead Zombie Wrestling...
You know, cool stuff?
Meow meow meow weow meow meowww
NOPE, IT'S NOTHING LIKE THAT.
WE'D MOSTLY SIT AROUND, TRADE RECIPES,
WAIT TO GET REINCARNATED.
Ugh.
Way to be the death of the party, Fluffy.
Is Fluffy dead meat?
Will she live to die another day?
Will she ever be reincarnated again, or just die trying?
WILL SHE HAVE HER REVENGE?
Stay tuned for Part Two, when our story continues!

Emily's 13 FAVORITE ways to DIE!
They all go this way...
Spontaneous Combustion AS DRUMMER
So clean, so smooth..
By Light SABER
I'll never RAT 'em out!
BY Green ACid DIP
...and then I saw ANGELS!
Overdose ON Strange Brew

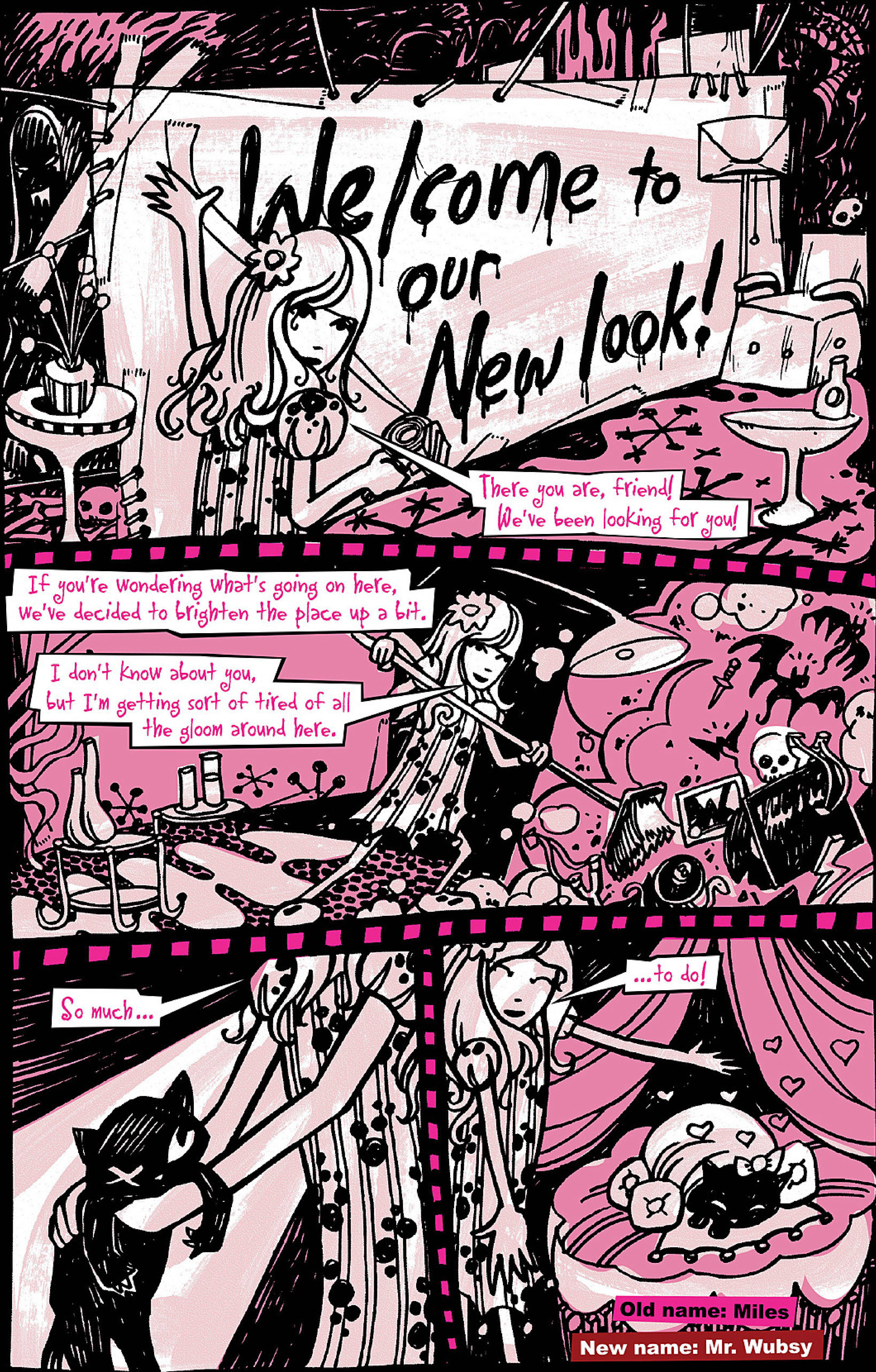
Save the pretty one...
By De-conJoininG Twins
(THE one WHO didn't make IT)
yep, she's dead!
Ready! Lame! Fire!!!
When HUMAN CANNONBALLS GO Wrong
Can't... stop... the... dancing...
BY STARVATION AT A Dance-a-thon
Recycle!
BLEEDING to DEATH
(FrOM paper cuts)
Got me some fresh new kicks
Swimming with the Fishes

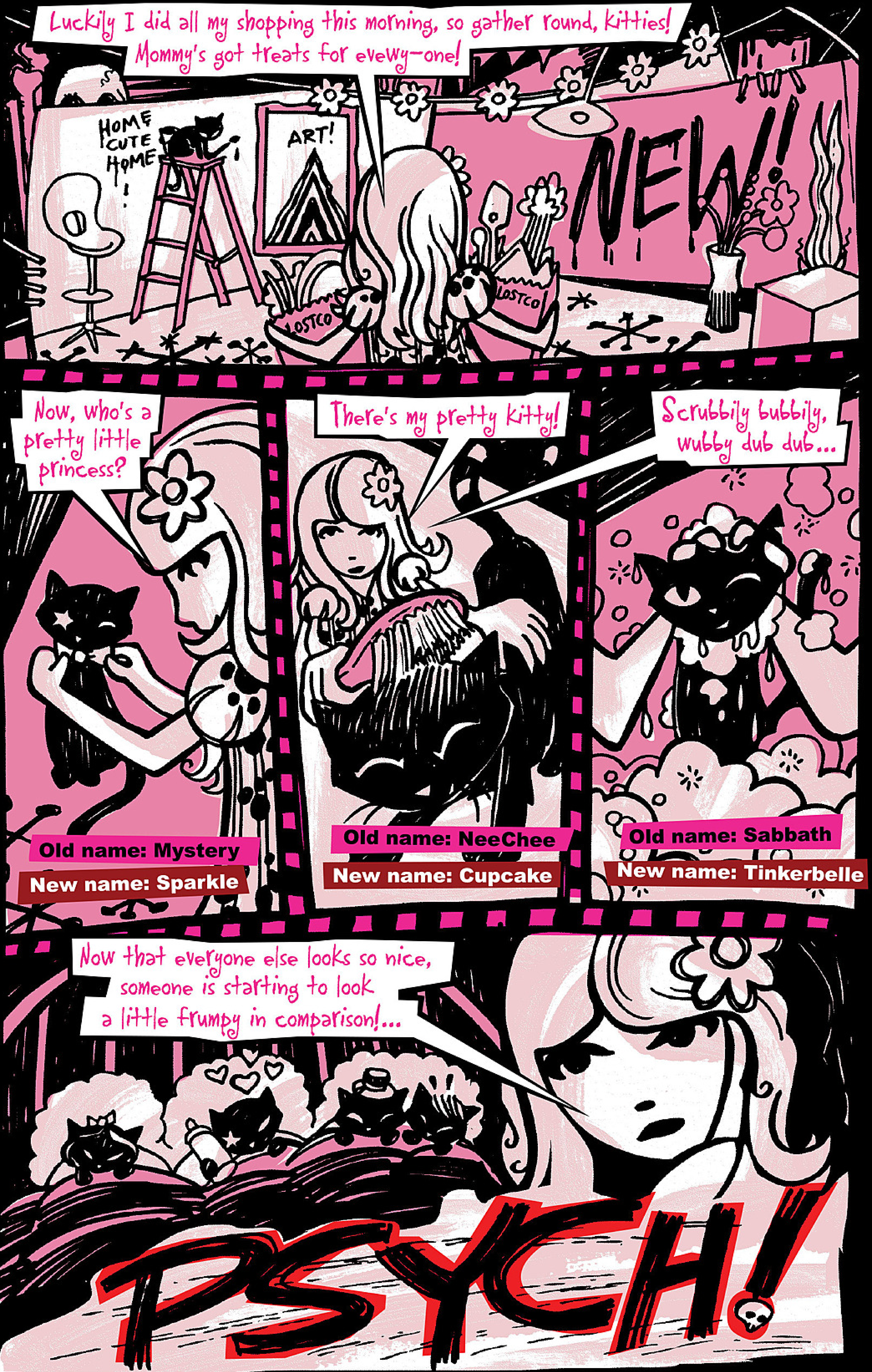
C'mon guys, it's in heeeeeerrrrre!
impaled by SPIKES
Hello.
MEDUSA'S glare
(turned TO stone)
Can't people just properly dispose of themselves?
I need more dots, must have more dots...
BEING eaten in PACMAN
Stepped on by GODZILLA



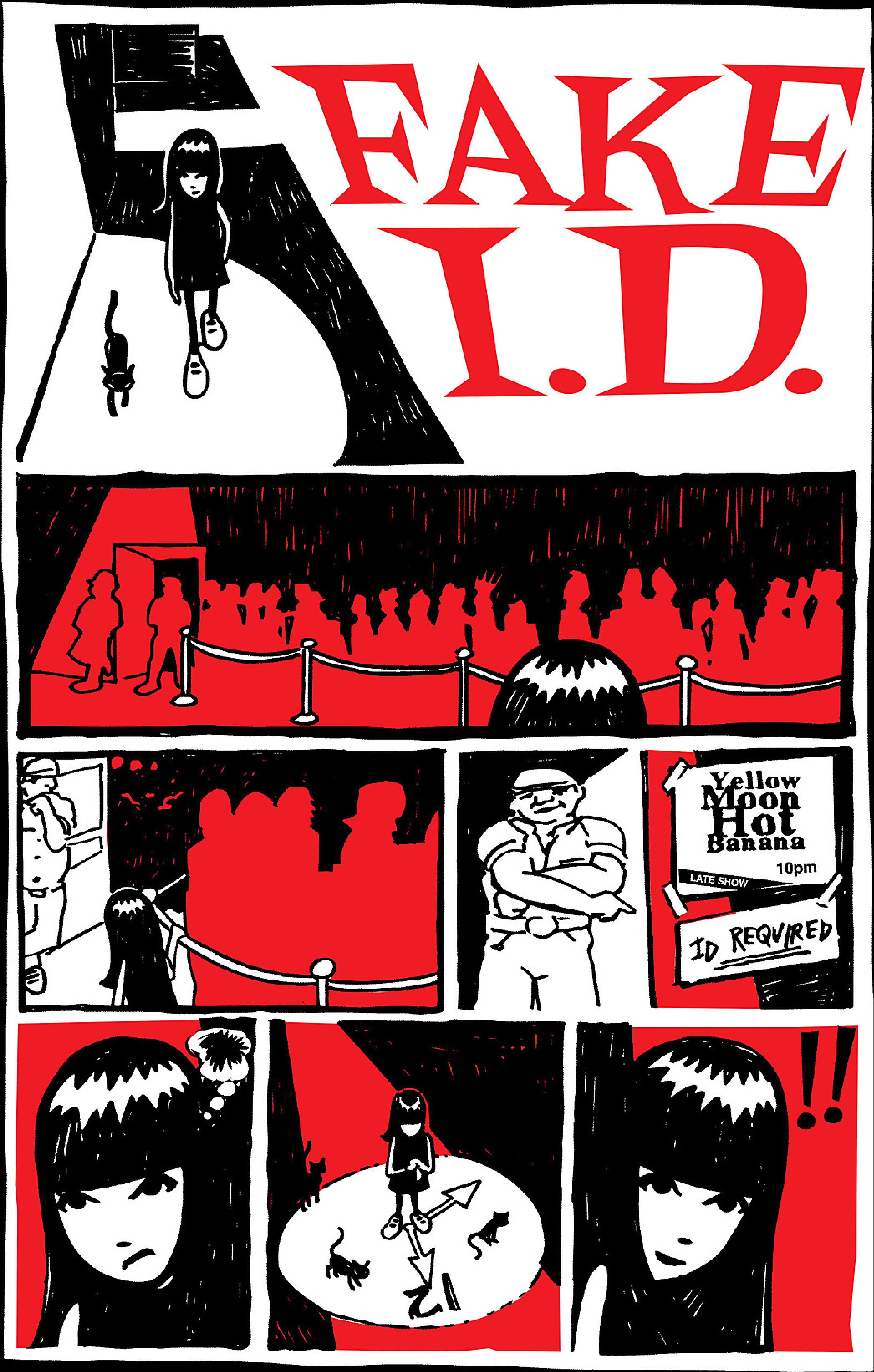
TRIP OUT #5 by Tim Biskup

State of CONFUSION
MARS, USA
13-ESP923 1111
Name: EMIL S. TRAN
Date of Birth: 13/13/65 Age: 43
Address: 2912 Eye Street
City: Posseville
State: Of Confusion
EYES: DEAD HAIR: BURNT SEX: FELINE
EXPIRES: 13/13/80
X Emily
READING THE FINE PRINT WILL ONLY GET YOU IN MORE TROUBLE
LEGIT!
CLASS: NONE
Be All You Can't Be


Welcome to our New look!
There you are, friend! We've been looking for you!
If you're wondering what's going on here, we've decided to brighten the place up a bit.
I don't know about you, but I'm getting sort of tired of all the gloom around here.
So much...
...to do!
Old name: Miles
New name: Mr. Wubsy



Luckily I did all my shopping this morning, so gather round, kitties! Mommy's got treats for evewy-one!
HOME CUTE HOME!
ART!
NEW!
LOSTCO
LOSTCO
Now, who's a pretty little princess?
Old name: Mystery
New name: Sparkle
There's my pretty kitty!
Old name: NeeChee
New name: Cupcake
Scrubbily bubbily, wubby dub dub...
Old name: Sabbath
New name: Tinkerbelle
Now that everyone else looks so nice, someone is starting to look a little frumpy in comparison!...
PSYCH!


FAKE I.D.
Yellow Moon Hot Banana
10pm
LATE SHOW
ID REQUIRED
!!

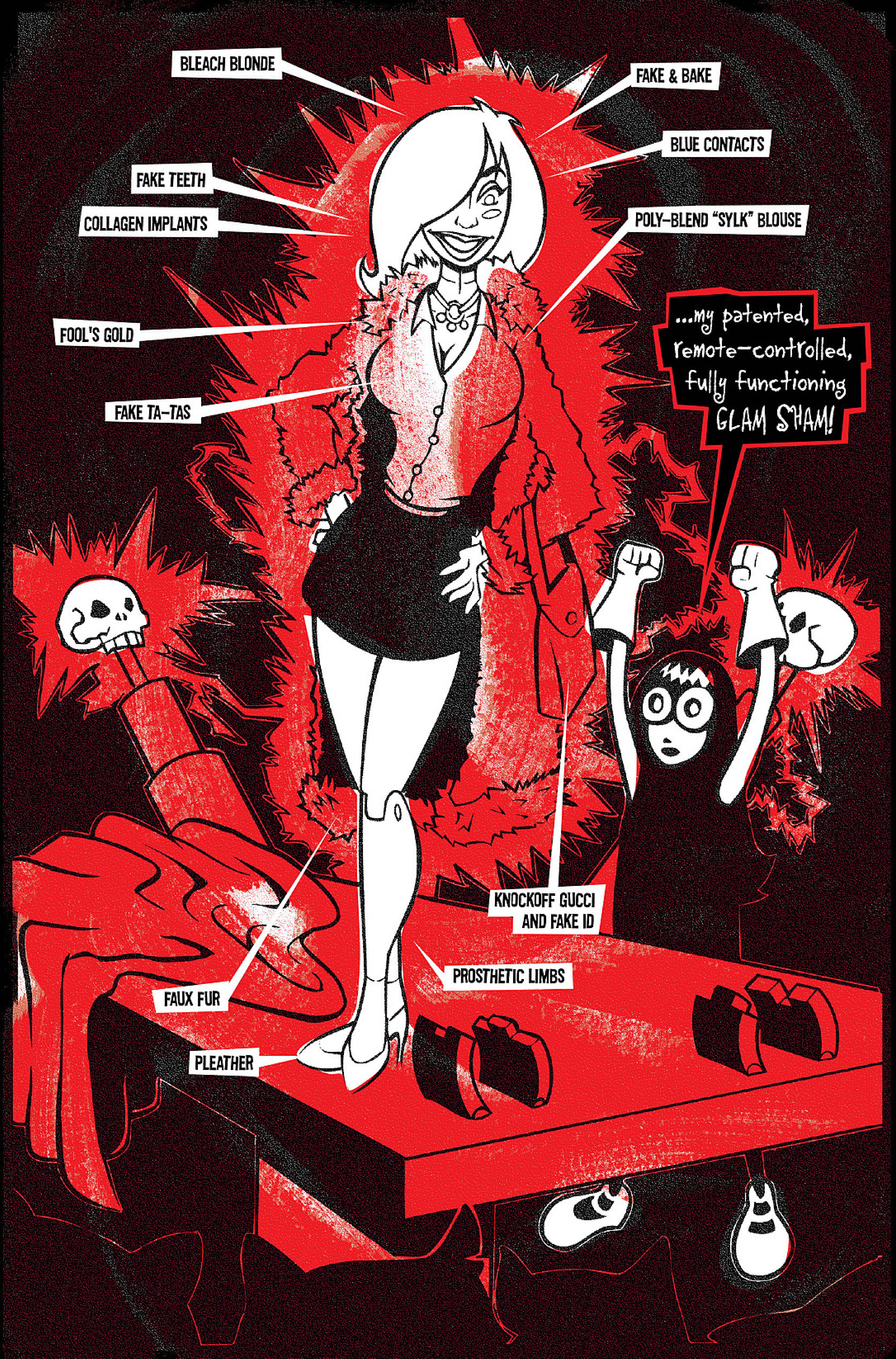
EMIL S. TRAN

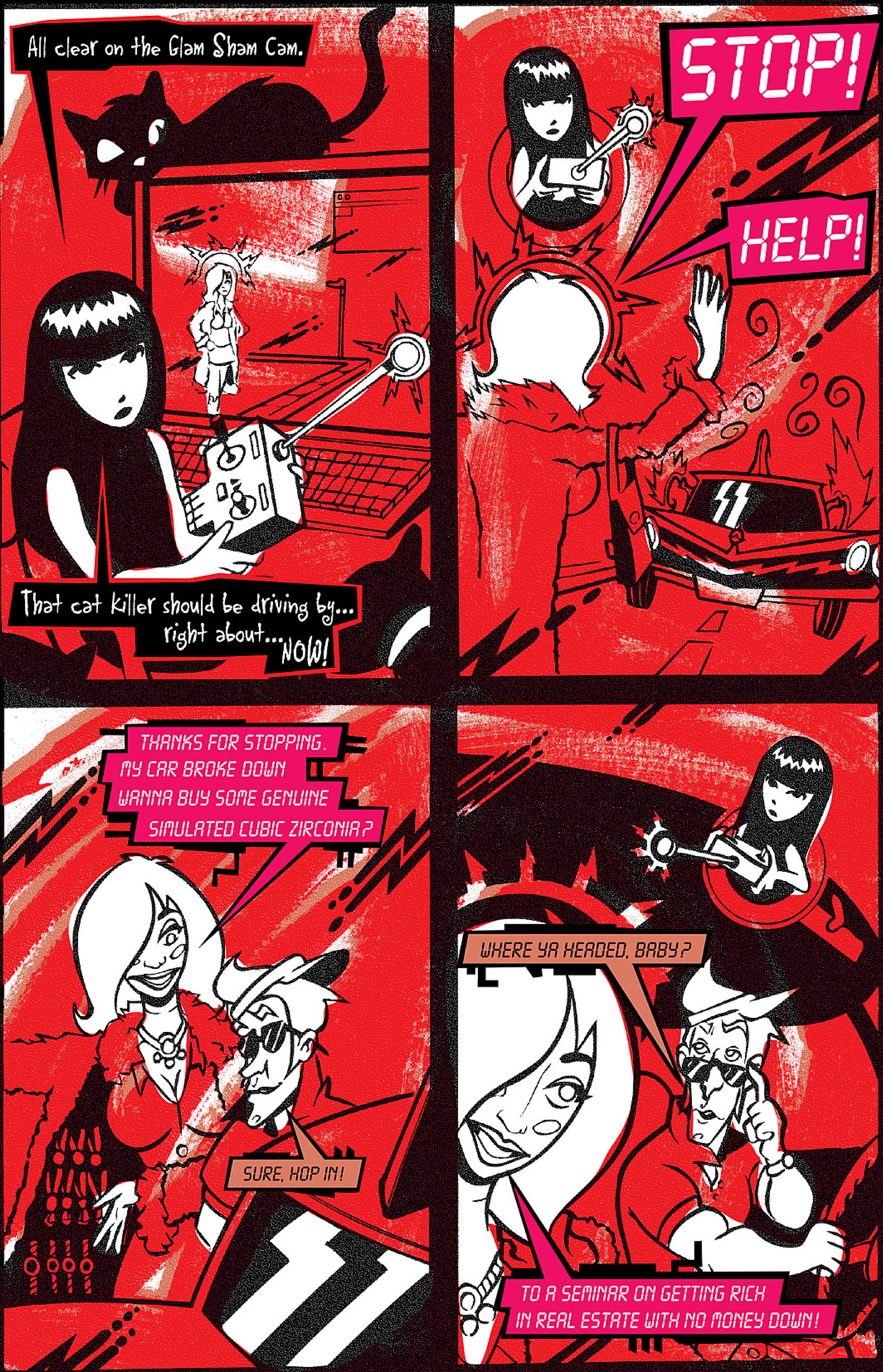
EMILY'S TOP 13 FAKE OUTS OF ALL TIME!
TRIP TO THE MOON
(It's all Hollyweird smoke 'n' mirrors)
FAKE BLOOD
(There's no such thing as fake blood!)
Muwa ha ha ha!!
THE EGYPTIAN PYRAMIDS
(Were really built by The God of Metal)
THE MAN OF 1000 FACES
(Seeing is deceiving!)
AREA 11
AREA 12
AREA 13
ALIENS ARE(N'T) REAL!
(Area 51 is really Area 13)
Play-doh people from outer space!
THE RIGHT THAT EMILY THREW...
(...Before hitting you with her left hook!)
ESP
EMILY IS REALLY R2D2!
Beep beep wirrrrl toot!
PAMELA ANDERSON'S CHEST
Rack 'em up!

Hello.....
THE WORLD IS FLAT
(Just take a really long walk...)
Synthetic fibers!
FAKIN' BACON
(It's all fake!
No one would really
harm those piggies)
HOUDINI'S SECRETS REVEALED!
(All the chains and
ropes are pasta)
Emily the Strange
Be All You Can't Be
THIS ISN'T REALLY A COMIC
(It's just a hologram!)
EMILY IS REALLY A CAT
(Is that really such a mystery?)

DEAD CAT WALKIN'
PART TWO
FAKE: THE TRAP!
Fluffy is back from the dead,
but we still need to get revenge on the jerk that killed her!
Here's the plan.
We need to set a trap... ...and BAIT the trap.

EMILY'S FAKETORY
Remote Controlled Fully Functioning
Artificial Woman Patent Pending
Bring that simulation to life!
We have the technology.
We can create her.
Aha ah hah ha hah
ha ha hah haha ha!
I give you...


BLEACH BLONDE
FAKE & BAKE
BLUE CONTACTS
FAKE TEETH
COLLAGEN IMPLANTS
POLY-BLEND "SYLK" BLOUSE
FOOL'S GOLD
FAKE TA-TAS
...my patented, remote-controlled, fully functioning GLAM SHAM!
KNOCKOFF GUCCI AND FAKE ID
PROSTHETIC LIMBS
FAUX FUR
PLEATHER



All clear on the Glam Sham Cam.
That cat killer should be driving by... right about...NOW!
STOP!
HELP!
THANKS FOR STOPPING. MY CAR BROKE DOWN WANNA BUY SOME GENUINE SIMULATED CUBIC ZIRCONIA?
SURE, HOP IN!
WHERE YA HEADED, BABY?
TO A SEMINAR ON GETTING RICH IN REAL ESTATE WITH NO MONEY DOWN!

COUNT ME IN!
FISHED IN!
GET ★ RICH ★ QUICK
Jeez.
I didn't think he'd be so easy to fake out.
Let's take him for all he's worth.
EARN ★ MILLIONS ★ IN ★ YO
★ SPARE ★ TIME ★ $$$
HERE'S THE THING, I KNOW A WAY I CAN GET $6.6 MILLION, BUT I NEED YOUR HELP.
KEEP TALKING, BABY, I'M ALL EARS.

ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS ADVANCE $500K INTO MY SWISS BANK ACCOUNT, THEN I CAN WRITE AN INTERNATIONAL GOLD DRAFT MONEY ORDER FOR YOUR HALF OF THE $66 MILLION, PLUS IF YOU HAVE ANOTHER $500K I CAN TRIPLE THAT FOR YOU BECAUSE I HAVE THIS FRIEND WHO OWES ME A MILLION BUCKS IN STOCKS, AND ALSO I HAVE A BRIDGE YOU MIGHT WANT TO BUY.
YES! SIGN ME UP!
LET'S SHAKE ON IT!
Reel in the sucker!
Bring him home to mama!
HAHAA HAHAH AH!
WHA...?
OH, IT'S NOTHING.
JUST SIGN HERE TO JOIN OUR MULTI LEVEL MARKETING PLAN.

HEY, WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
ARE YOU FOR REAL?
She's cracking up!
Should have used something sturdier than cake frosting and eyeliner.
ARE YOU SOME KIND OF PHONY?
WHAT ABOUT THE $66 MILLION???

EXIT
Our hoax has gone horribly wrong!
Fakin' A! He killed my retribution replicant!
He killed my Glam Sham!
Fake Off and Die!
Will The Cat Killer Escape?
Will Fluffy Settle the Score?
Tune In Next Time,
When You'll Hear Emily Say...
Reeeeveeeeeeeenge!
Meow!

The Big Fake Out
Starring Emily & Bigfoot
Hey, what are those guys doing?
Shhh. I don't know. Let's find out.
Almost got it...
This is it, boys.
Good thing we've got enough firepower to bring down a whole army of Bigfoots.
There are reports of fresh tracks in the area. Could even be a family of the creatures.
If they want an army, we'll give 'em an army. Let's go!
Zooom!...

Later that day.
Hurry!
I hear somebody coming.
The Trackometer's going crazy! They must be right--
Harooooooooo.
Harooo.
Oooo.!
Aaaiiiieeeee!!!

RRRrrr...
RRRrrooOWww!!
He He He He!
It worked, guys!
Hawoooo...
Now let's pack up and get back to your neck of the woods. I saw some blackberries there earlier that need to be picked.
These Halloween props came in handy!
Har Har Rrrrrow!
You're right – forest berries DO make the most delicious jam...

TRIP OUT #6 by Jason Mecier

STRANGER BY NIGHT

Emily® the Strange

When are you Strangest?

FAKE MONEY!

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Purrchase bootlegged CDs!

cut here

Fake tip for your stylist giving you a bad faux-hawk!

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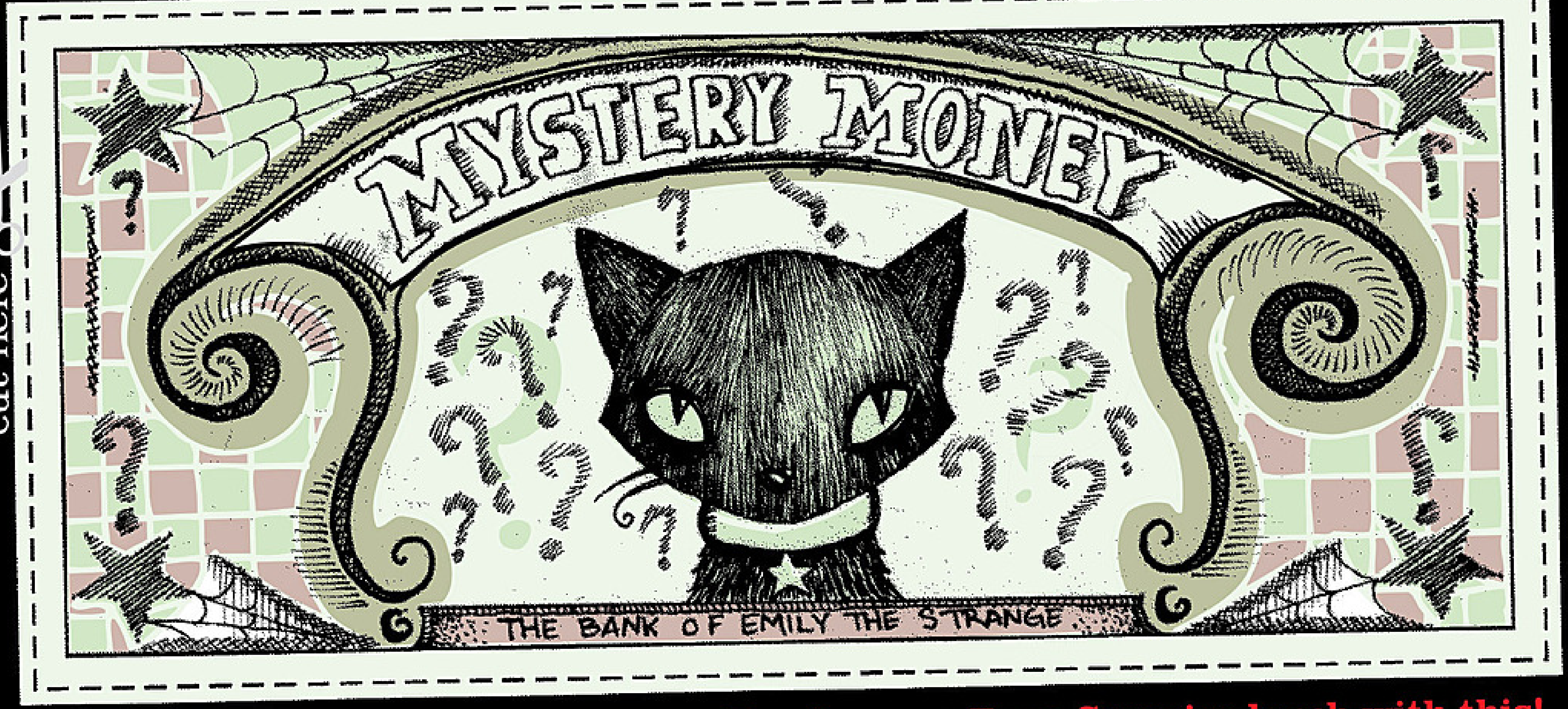

Pay for your Tuna Surprise lunch with this!

cut here
EMILY MYSTERY * MILES * NEECHEE* SABBATH*
1
ONE
LOUSY $ DOLLAR
IN STRANGE WE TRUST
E.S.P
1
cut here
EMILY MYSTERY * MILES * NEECHEE* SABBATH*
1
ONE
LOUSY $ DOLLAR
IN STRANGE WE TRUST
E.S.P
1
NO CLUE
cut here

cut here

No blood for oil! Or real money, either!

cut here

Use for purchase of rhinestone collar for your stuffed kitty!

cut here

Buy yourself those fake gold teeth you've always wanted!

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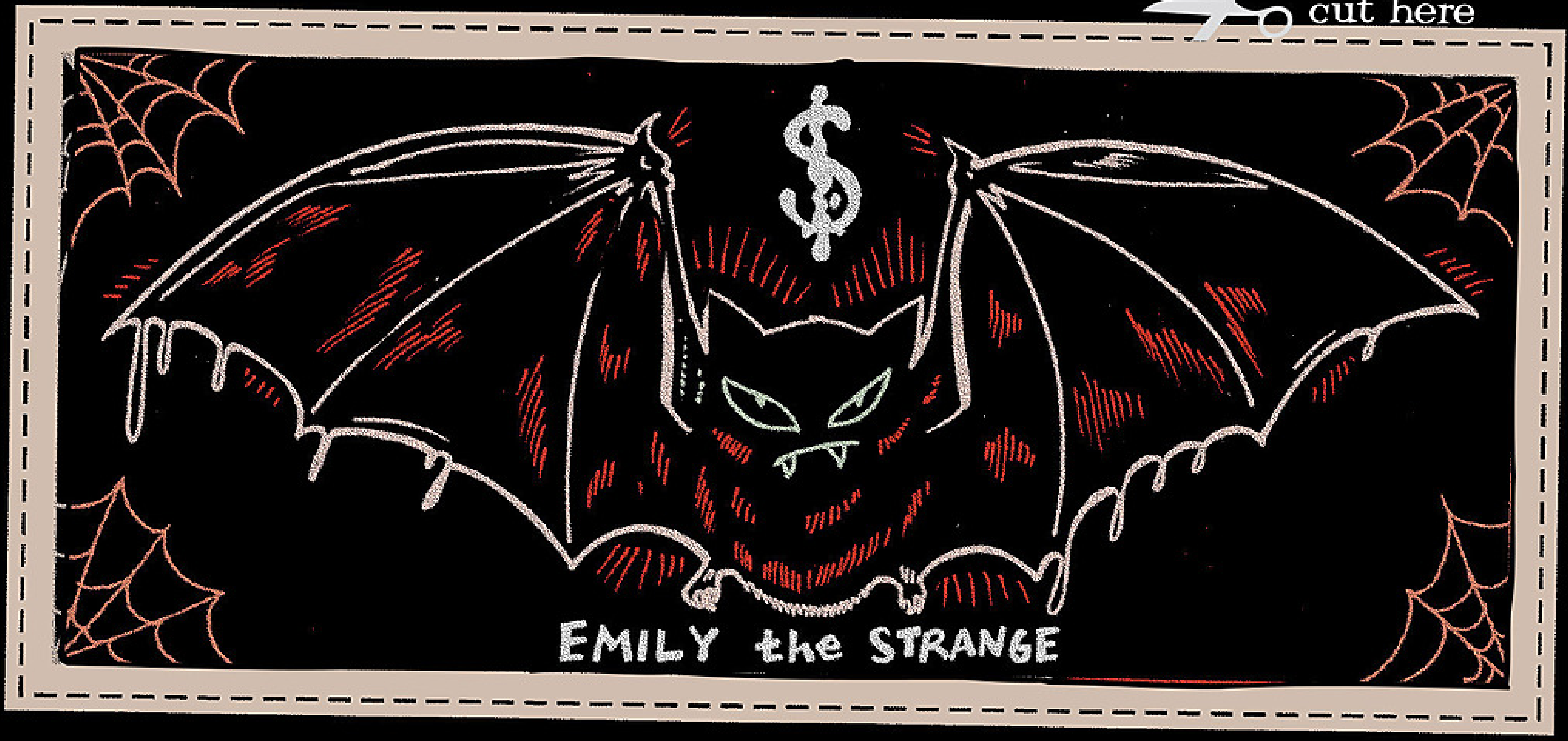

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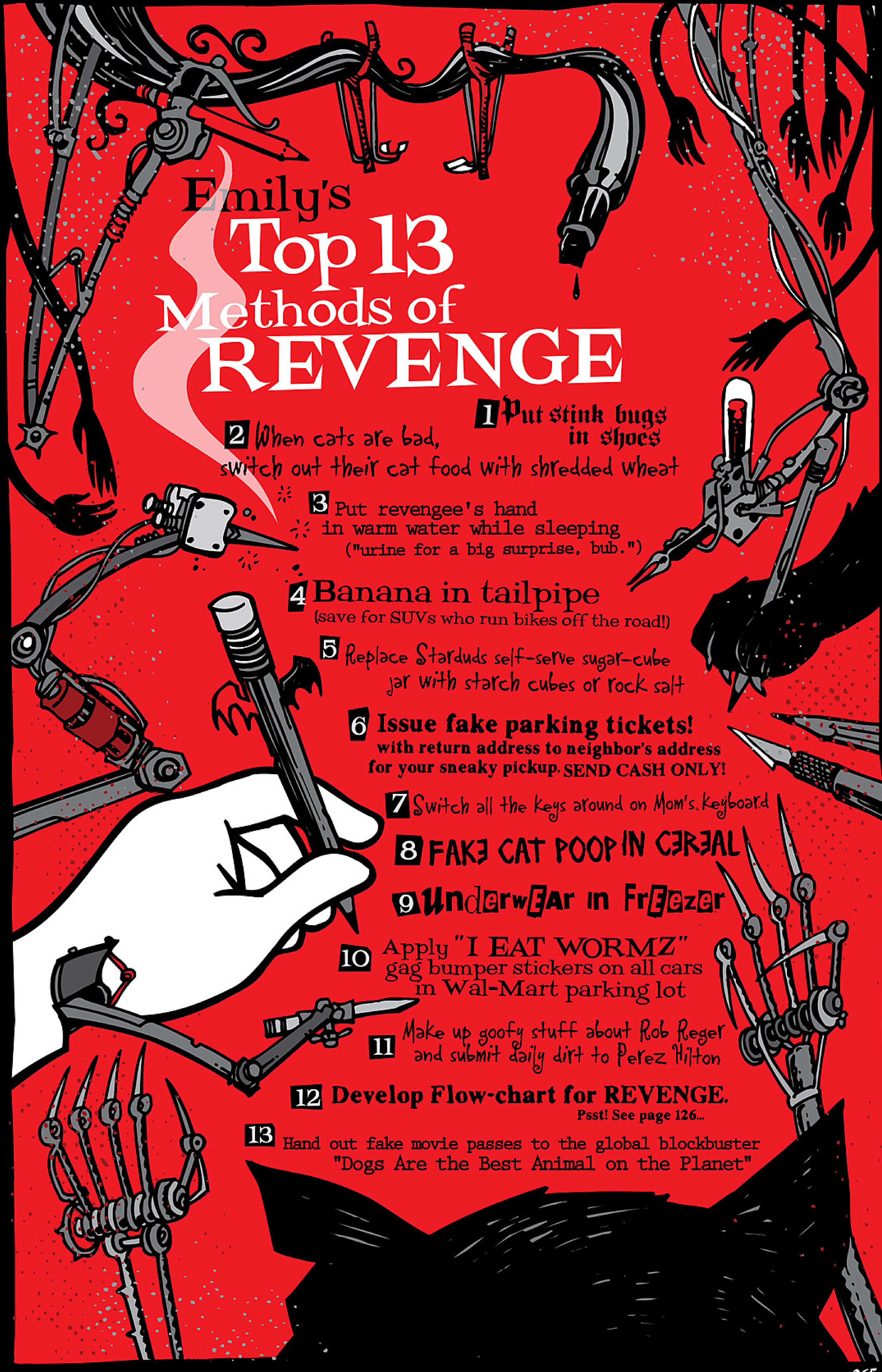
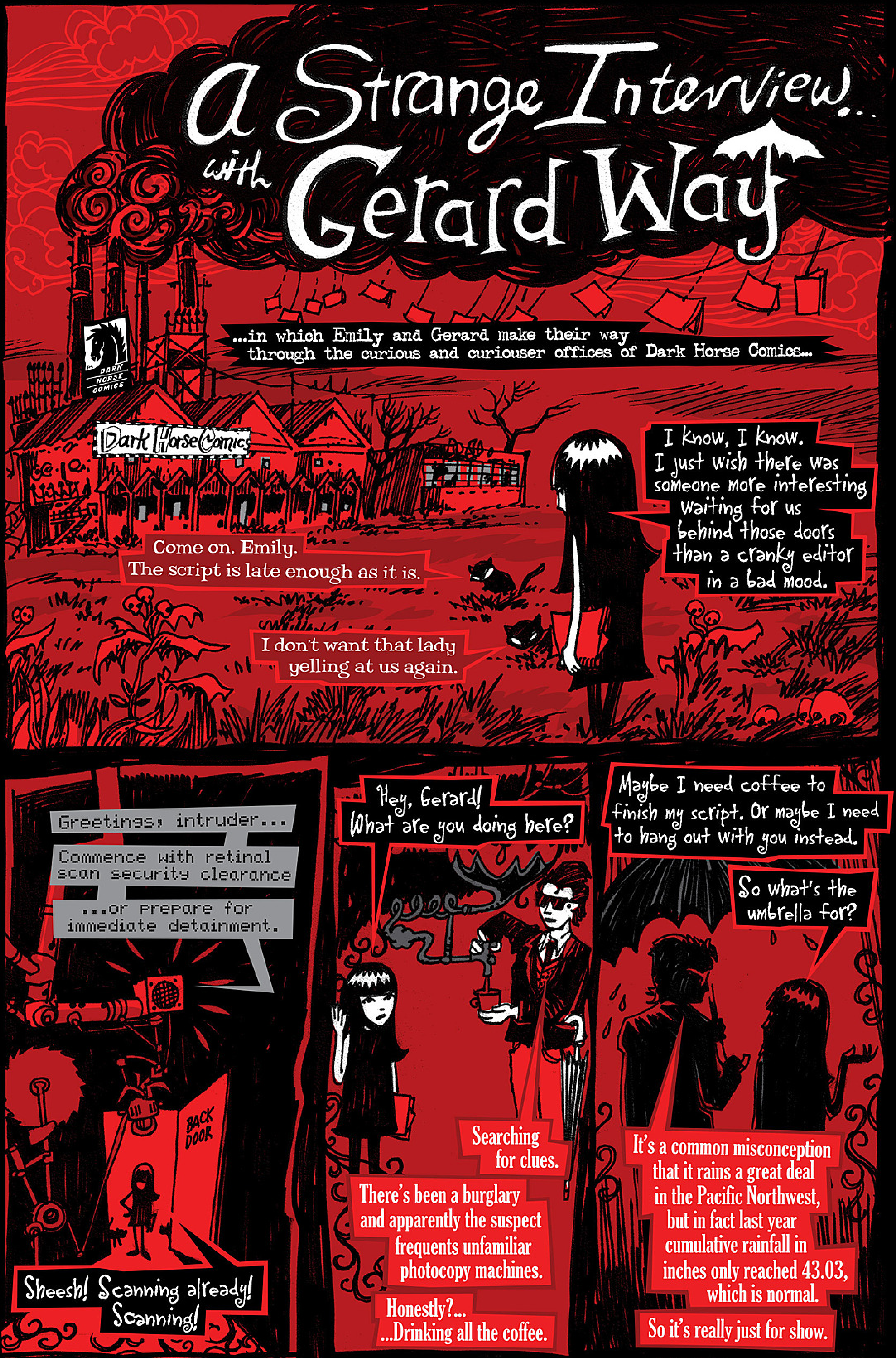
RAWR
REVENGE
at last!


Emily's
Top 13
Methods of
REVENGE
1 Put stink bugs in shoes
2 When cats are bad, switch out their cat food with shredded wheat
3 Put revengee's hand in warm water while sleeping ("urine for a big surprise, bub.")
4 Banana in tailpipe
(save for SUVs who run bikes off the road!)
5 Replace Starduds self-serve sugar-cube jar with starch cubes or rock salt
6 Issue fake parking tickets!
with return address to neighbor's address for your sneaky pickup. SEND CASH ONLY!
7 Switch all the keys around on Mom's keyboard
8 FAKE CAT POOP IN CEREAL
9 Underwear in Freezer
10 Apply "I EAT WORMZ" gag bumper stickers on all cars in Wal-Mart parking lot
11 Make up goofy stuff about Rob Reger and submit daily dirt to Perez Hilton
12 Develop Flow-chart for REVENGE.
Psst! See page 126...
13 Hand out fake movie passes to the global blockbuster "Dogs Are the Best Animal on the Planet"


a Strange Interview...
with Gerard Way
...in which Emily and Gerard make their way through the curious and curiouser offices of Dark Horse Comics...
Dark Horse Comics
Come on, Emily. The script is late enough as it is.
I know, I know. I just wish there was someone more interesting waiting for us behind those doors than a cranky editor in a bad mood.
I don't want that lady yelling at us again.
Greetings, intruder...
Commence with retinal scan security clearance
...or prepare for immediate detainment.
BACK DOOR
Sheesh! Scanning already! Scanning!
Hey, Gerard! What are you doing here?
Searching for clues.
There's been a burglary and apparently the suspect frequents unfamiliar photocopy machines.
Honestly?...
...Drinking all the coffee.
Maybe I need coffee to finish my script. Or maybe I need to hang out with you instead.
So what's the umbrella for?
It's a common misconception that it rains a great deal in the Pacific Northwest, but in fact last year cumulative rainfall in inches only reached 43.03, which is normal.
So it's really just for show.

THE UMBRELLA ACADEMY
So, why comics?
Because anything is possible...
...right now, if we wanted, we could load up on laser guns, hop on an interdimensional motorcycle, and save the universe from giant invisible tarantulas. In real life? Not so much.
What's the strangest thing you've ever written a story about?
A botched train robbery, in which the nine-year-old assailant was carried off to heaven by angels, which in reality resemble flying jellyfish.
What's the last album you bought?
Merveilleuse by Edith Piaf.
DO NOT DISTURB!
What's your favorite way of getting around besides underground ladder tunnels?
Jetpack. If one is not available? Public transit.

You seem to like dressing up. Where do you find inspiration for your wardrobe?
Patrick McGoohan's The Prisoner and Mad Max Beyond Thunderdome.
Have you ever wondered what happens after we die?
All the time when I was a little kid. These days, not so much. I stopped caring and decided to focus on living.
What if we get reincarnated as animals? What would you come back as?
A gazelle.

Have you ever met a zombie? How did you escape?
I've never met a zombie, but if I did I'd get away on a golf cart.
What was the last nightmare you had?
DRAWING ON YOUR NIGHTMARZ
I was swimming, and even though I wasn't drowning, there was no end to the water, no surface.
Have you ever had too much to dream?
Do you have a favorite work of art?
WHERE IS SHE? EMILY'S LATE WITH HER SCRIPT AGAIN!
The Lovers by Magritte. I saw it while in art school. Very scary.
I go through periods where I dream too much, sometimes half-awake, sometimes visions, terrors. Other times in my life I sleep peacefully. Those are my favorite times.
Let's go this way.

Now, remind me. How are we related again?
By marriage. Though we avoid consorting with that side of the family.
FRONT DESK
Have you ever had a Siamese twin?
I have several. Most of them are up to no good.
See you at the Academy!
I need to finish my story about revenge now. Maybe you can help.
Everything deserves a happy ending. Even if it's a story about the end of the world, you should find some way to end it with a dozen roses. Just throw a little sparkle all over it.
Be seeing you!

REVENGE OF THE DEAD EYE
So Miles, what really happened to your eye?
A Long Time Ago...

My friend doesn't like you, kitty.
I don't like YOU either!
And I don't like your face! GET LOST. Man.
ON

MINE!
Nooooo!

REVENGE WILL BE MINE!!!
MONSTER MADNESS
No more Sci-Fi for you!
That sooo didn't happen, weirdo.

DEAD CAT WALKIN'
PART THREE REVENGE!
Emily's Room of Plots, Plans & Ploys
KEEP OUT!!
Emily had never worked so hard or waited so long for sweet revenge!
He ran over Fluffy, he destroyed my remote control robot woman...
DEATH
...AND he wears a backwards baseball cap.
REVENGE MUST BE MINE!!!!

Well, there's more than one kind of payback....
...Hello, Whiskers? About that favor you owe me...
We got a cat killer on our hands. And he's gotta go down.
Now, here's what you do...
Okay, Miles, you're in charge of lock-picking supplies.
NeeChee, surveillance and stealth equipment.
Sabbath, we'll need some appropriate tunes.
Fluffy, please arrange for catering.
And Mystery, you're on lookout.
lockpick
TIME TO SETTLE THE SCORE!

And all over town, cats worked late into the night
to put Emily's diabolical revenge scheme into action.
OFF
ON

The next day.
"I DON'T KNOW KARATE BUT I KNOW KA-RAZY! GET READY... I WANT REVENGE! THE BIG PAYBACK!!"
Okay, Socks, ready for Phase One.
Roger that.
Cat Killer should be driving past in exactly 30 seconds on his way to the racquetball court.
Meanwhile, the cat killer sped closer and closer to his own comeuppance!
Hair trigger on a mousetrap of insane proportions!

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
ON
OFF
1 Thread snaps; bucket drops.
2 Teeter-totter launches bowling cat into the air.
3 Bowling cat bowls!
4 Bowling ball breaks glass; water spills.
5 Passerby slips and kicks lever.
6 Lever releases the net, and--
7 The cat killer is trapped!

Excellent.
On to Phase Two!
STOP! WAIT! WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH ME?
WHAT ABOUT MY CAR?
You're only getting what you deserve.
And don't worry, your car's in good hands.
Meanwhile...

BIFF!
ZOWEE!
ZOT!
SOCKO!
BLAT!
BLAMMO!
DO NOT ENTER! REVENGE SESSION IN PROGRESS!
KERRPOW!
BAM!
Ye Olde Vengeance Parlor
Much revenge later...
Next time I won't be so easy on you.
Now get lost.
I P-P-PROMISE TO DRIVE MORE SAFELY AND N-N-NEVER WEAR MY CAP B-B-BACKWARD AGAIN!
Oh, and I believe the police want to see you about your car.
Extreme Vehicular Stinkiness, in violation of municipal code 47.c.9...
...That'll be $923.

See, you mess with the best, you reek like the rest.
TIME
NEWSWEEK
SPIN
DOG POO
A dish best served cold: ASPIC!
Great catering, Fluffy.
But nothing's as delicious as sweet revenge, huh?
Meow meow meow meeow meow meow.
Yeah, I know.
Sometimes revenge is not enough.
Will Fluffy ever find true peace? Or is she doomed to live her life trapped in cardboard?
WILL SHE EVER TASTE ASPIC AGAIN? Stay tuned for part IV, when you'll hear Emily say...
Oh, just leave me alone.

MYRIADS OF EMILY'S POSSE HAVE SEARCHED TO BE LOST–
SO WHAT STRANGE BEAST CONTROLS EMILY'S EVERY MOVE?

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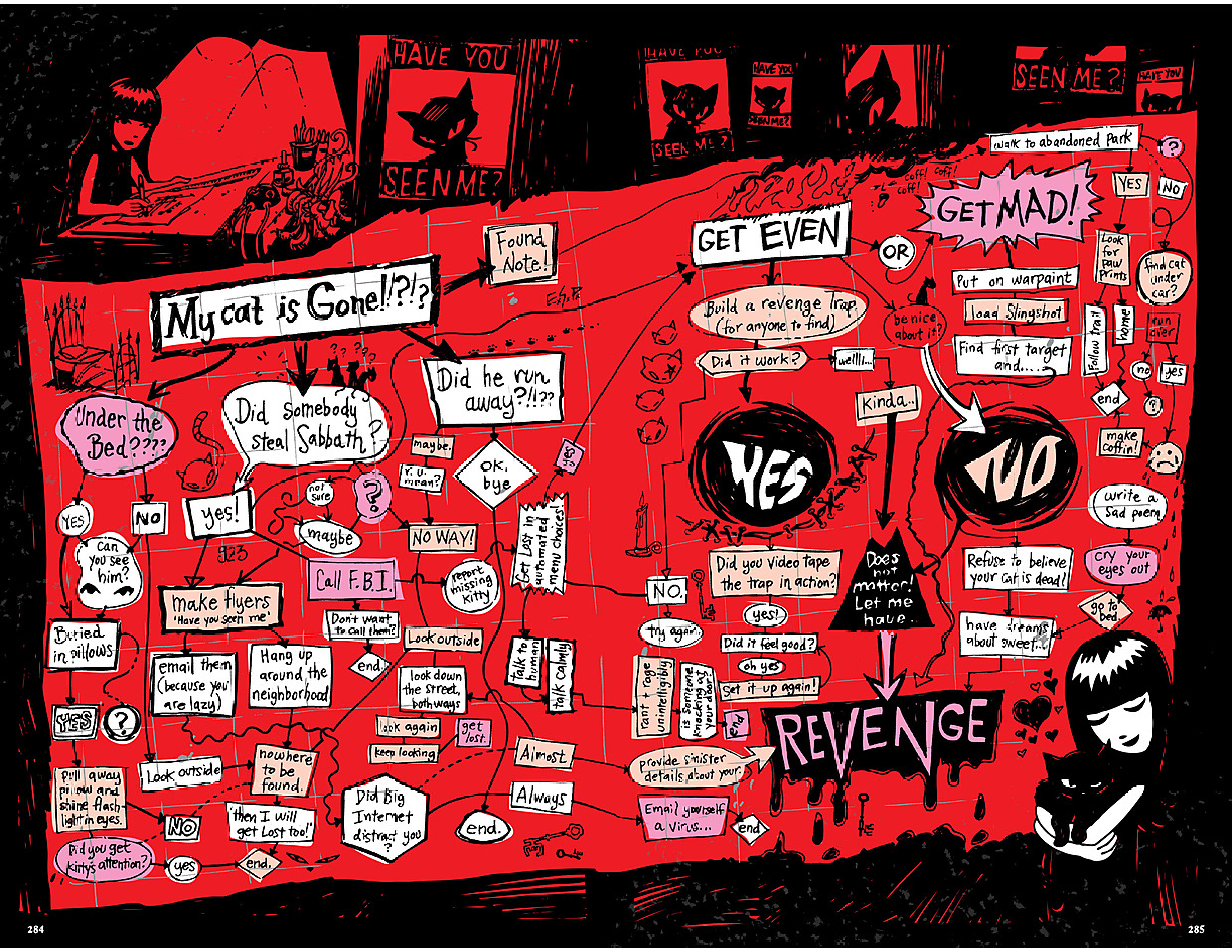

HAVE YOU SEEN ME?
HAVE YOU SEEN ME?
HAVE YOU SEEN ME?
SEEN ME?
HAVE YOU
My cat is Gone!?!?
Found Note!
E.S.P.
Under the Bed????
Did Somebody steal Sabbath?
Did he run away?!!??
YES
NO
can you see him?
yes!
not sure
maybe
?
maybe.
Y. U. mean?
OK, bye
NO WAY!
yes
Get Lost in automated menu choices!
923
make flyers 'Have you seen me'
Call F.B.I.
report missing kitty
Buried in pillows
email them (because you are lazy)
Hang up around the neighborhood
Don't want to call them?
end.
Look outside
look down the street, both ways
talk to human
talk calmly
YES
?
look again
get lost.
keep looking
Almost
Pull away pillow and shine flashlight in eyes.
Look outside
nowhere to be found.
Did Big Internet distract you?
Always
end.
NO
'then I will get Lost too!'
Did you get Kitty's attention?
yes
end.
GET EVEN
OR
coff! coff! coff!
GET MAD!
walk to abandoned Park
?
YES
No
Build a revenge Trap (for anyone to find)
Did it work?
wellll...
Kinda...
be nice about it?
Put on warpaint
load Slingshot
Find first target and....
Look for paw Prints
find cat under car?
Follow trail
home
run over
no
yes
end
?
make coffin!
YES
NO
Did you video tape the trap in action?
yes!
Did it feel good?
oh yes
Set it up again!
Does not matter! Let me have.
Refuse to believe your Cat is dead!
have dreams about sweet...
write a sad poem
cry your eyes out
go to bed.
NO.
try again.
rant + rage unintelligibly
is Someone knocking at your door?
end
provide sinister details about your...
Email yourself a virus...
end
REVENGE

TRIP OUT #7 by Turo 'Scissorhands'

Alone is where the heart is.

THE RESCUE
Do you see what I see?
SOS
SABBATH!! Grab the sign!
Hurry!
I see ’em now, Harry. Can you read what that sign says?
LOST ON PURPOSE

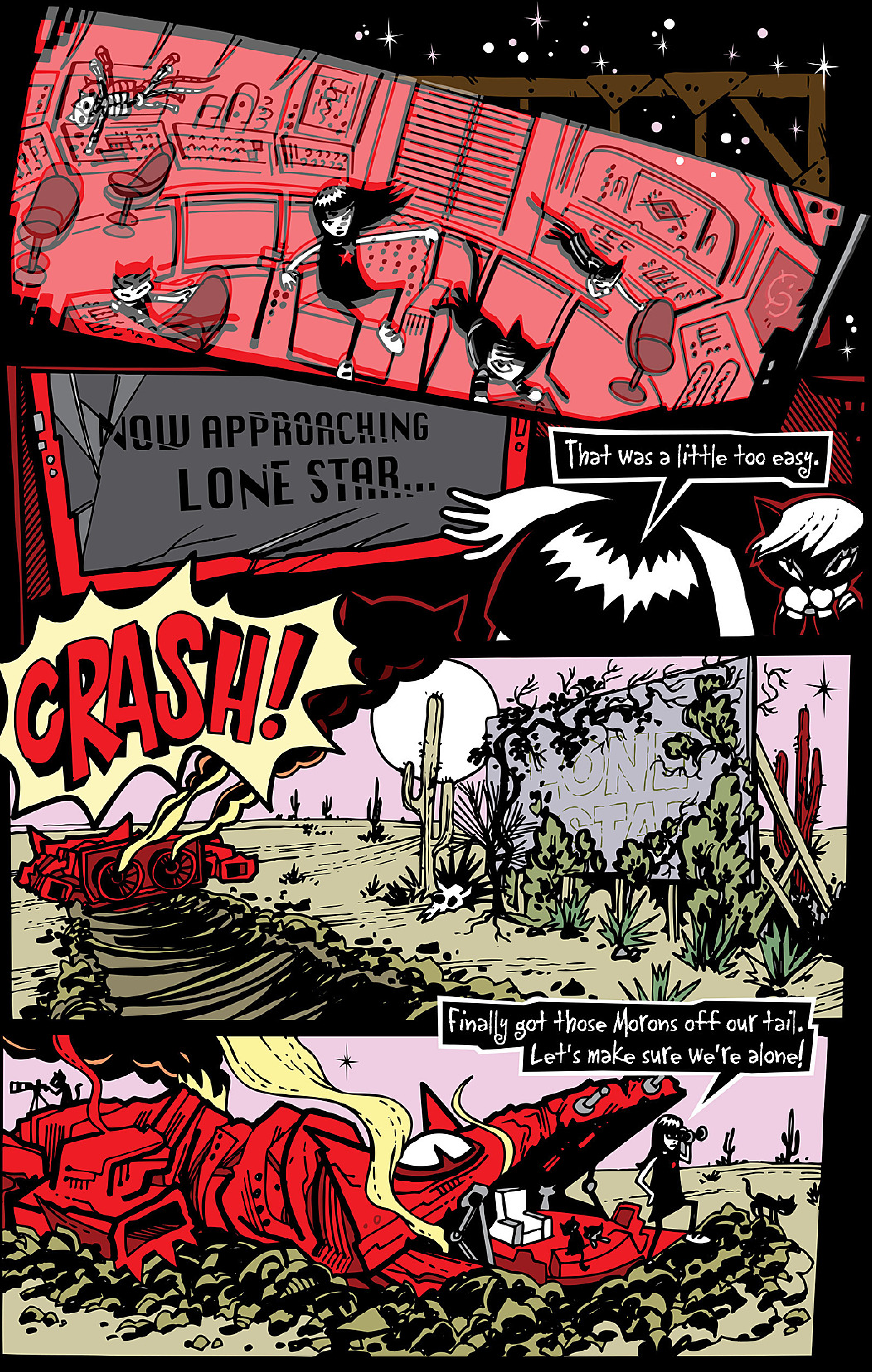
ALONE CAT AND KITTEN
THE WAY OF THE STRANGER
EMILY ODDOMO, A.K.A "ALONE CAT," LIVES THE SOLITARY LIFE OF A RONIN, KEEPING COMPANY ONLY WITH HER YOUNG CHARGE, MYSTERY-SAN. WHEN THE RENEGADE SAMURAI MAKES A FINAL ATTEMPT TO JOIN SOCIETY, HER EFFORTS ARE MET WITH DISPLEASURE, AND A NEW BATTLE BEGINS …
YOU HAVE HEARD THE CHARGES LEVELED AGAINST YOU, EMILY ODDOMO-SAN. THOUGH YOU CLAIM TO SERVE THE SHOGUN, YOUR INSULTS AGAINST HIM TELL ANOTHER STORY.
TO SUGGEST THAT HE WOULD SERVE YOU . . .
BUT WE WERE PLAYING BADMINTON! IT WAS THE SHOGUN'S TURN TO SERVE.
HOW DARE YOU?
YOU DEFILE THE HONOR OF THE SHOGUN!
I NEVER FILED HIM IN THE FIRST PLACE.
MAN, IS IT ANY WONDER I DON'T HANG OUT WITH YOU GUYS ANYMORE?
ERRRRRR.

SUCH INSOLENCE! EMILY ODDOMO, YOU MUST CHOOSE SEPPUKU** OR --
**RITUAL SUICIDE
-- SING THE CANADIAN NATIONAL ANTHEM WHILE YOU EAT THIS! IF YOU FAIL YOU WILL BE ASSASSINATED! IF YOU SUCCEED, YOU MUST LIVE IN EXILE!
PEANUT BUTTER
SEPPUKU? I'M NOT IN THE MOOD FOR PUZZLES.
ME EITHER.
OKAY, THEN. I HOPE THAT PEANUT BUTTER IS FRESH.

O CANADA! O CANADA!
OUR HOME AND NATIVE LAND!
THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE! THIS TASK HAS NEVER BEEN COMPLETED.
IT'S THE MYTHICAL SHINOBI TECHNIQUE!
SHE HAS THE DETERMINED TONGUE OF A WARRIOR!
O CANADA, WE STAND ON GUARD FOR THEE!
ALONE CAT, MAYBE YOU COULD HAVE JUST TOLD THEM YOU WERE PLANNING ON LEAVING TOWN AGAIN ANYWAY.
WHAT FUN WOULD THAT HAVE BEEN? BESIDES, THAT WAS GOOD PEANUT BUTTER.

ALONE STAR
...and so we find our heroic Strangers on their desperate quest to escape the dreaded Morons of the universe and finally be left... ALONE!
...and we Morons won't stop until we've hugged each and every one of you--
Get off my black hole!!
Z-ZAP!
Don't hug my slug!!

Those pesky mopes are really bringing me down. They'll never leave us alone!
That is a logical conclusion, Captain.
List
Death Star too Darth
Dark Star too far out!
Dog Star
ALONE STAR
The List, sir.
The mythical Alone Star! Our final hope!
Will we ever find it, Bones?
For the love of mice, how should I know? I'm a cat in a skeleton suit, not a space doctor!
Captain! More incoming!!
AAAAAAAHHHHH!


NOW APPROACHING
LONE STAR...
That was a little too easy.
CRASH!
Finally got those Morons off our tail.
Let's make sure we're alone!

Everybody quiet! Do you hear--
turd
Come on, little doggies, to this fine Texas loam!
Here in the heartland, you're never alone!
Whether in public, or your own private home –
YUCK!
Did you just say Texas...?
'Course I did, little filly. Where'd y'all think this was – outer space?
Duh!
I finally get it loud and clear: If you really want to be alone, there's no actual place to go to – not a galaxy or planet or state – because...
...ALONELINESS is a STATE of MIND!!
LONE STAR
END!

the Alone Stranger
DEATH VALLEY.
The last frontier of the once-wild West.
It is by nature a quiet and desolate place,
populated only by the most solitary of creatures.
Among its frequent visitors is the one known as
THE ALONE STRANGER,
who is recognized by her famous call...
Where did all these people come from?
DEATH VALLEY POP PRINCESS FEST
The Alone Stranger! A fearless rider on a mighty steed!
The Alone Stranger! With a cloud of dust and a mighty...
SHUT UP! This is my story!
DEATH VALLEY POP PRINCESS FEST
Where to from here?
EL MAP OF THE WEST
Bryce Canyon
Dentist Convention
Utah
Nevada
california
Grand Canyon
Canyon Cuties Pageant
widow rock rave
Arizona
Death Valley
Pop princess Fest
WTF?!
HI HO SPLINTER, LET'S GO AWAY!!

Later...
Okay, Miles, you distribute the fliers.
Sabbath, get the tickets printed.
NeeChee, make sure the land use permit is in order,
...and Mystery and I will finish building...
...THE BURNING CAT!

The weekend...
There are thousands of people here!
Exactly! And now they're all in one place.
HI HO SPLINTER, LET'S GO AWAY!!

DEAD CAT WALKIN'
PART FOUR
ALONE at LAST!
Urgh. I just spent a WEEK helping you guys get revenge on Fluffy's killer!
What I wouldnt give for a little solitude...

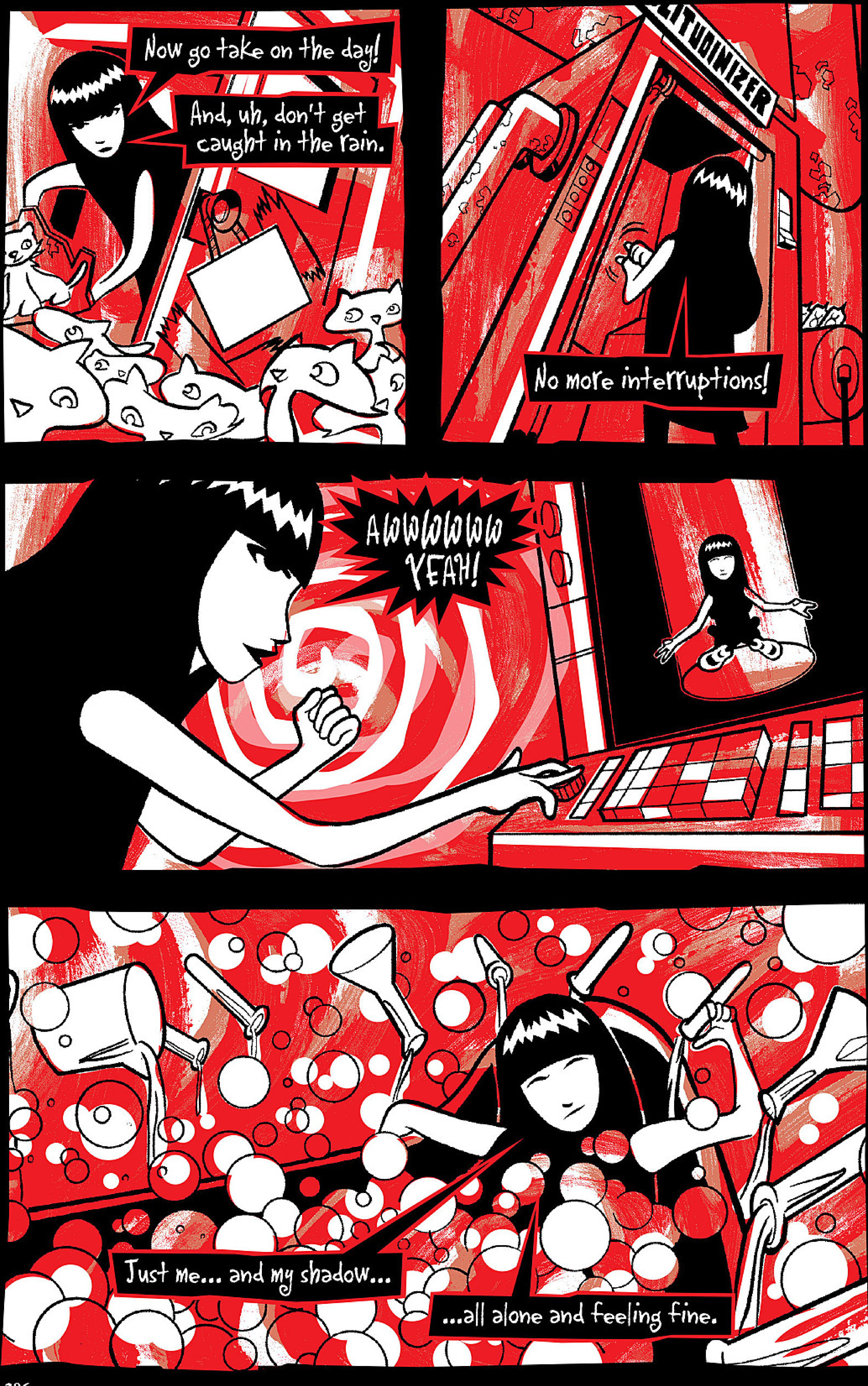
Solitudinizer – Take me away!
Now go enjoy the beautiful day, and don't come back until dinner time!
EMILY'S
KEEP OUT!
NO ONE ALLOWED!
THIS MEANS YOU
I think I'm alone now... Doesn't seem to be any cat around...
Oh, my beautiful Solitudinizer – I've dreamed of the moment we'd finally be together! Errr, ALONE. Alone together?
SOLITUDINIZER

Now to dial in some EXTREME SOLITUDE!
SOLITUDINIZER
What the--? I'm supposed to be ALONE, here!
Grrrrr.... back to the drawing board. I wonder what went wrong?
"?"
NO-X
"!"
NOW I see... I'm gonna need some Essence of Alone.
LITUDINIZER
NO-X

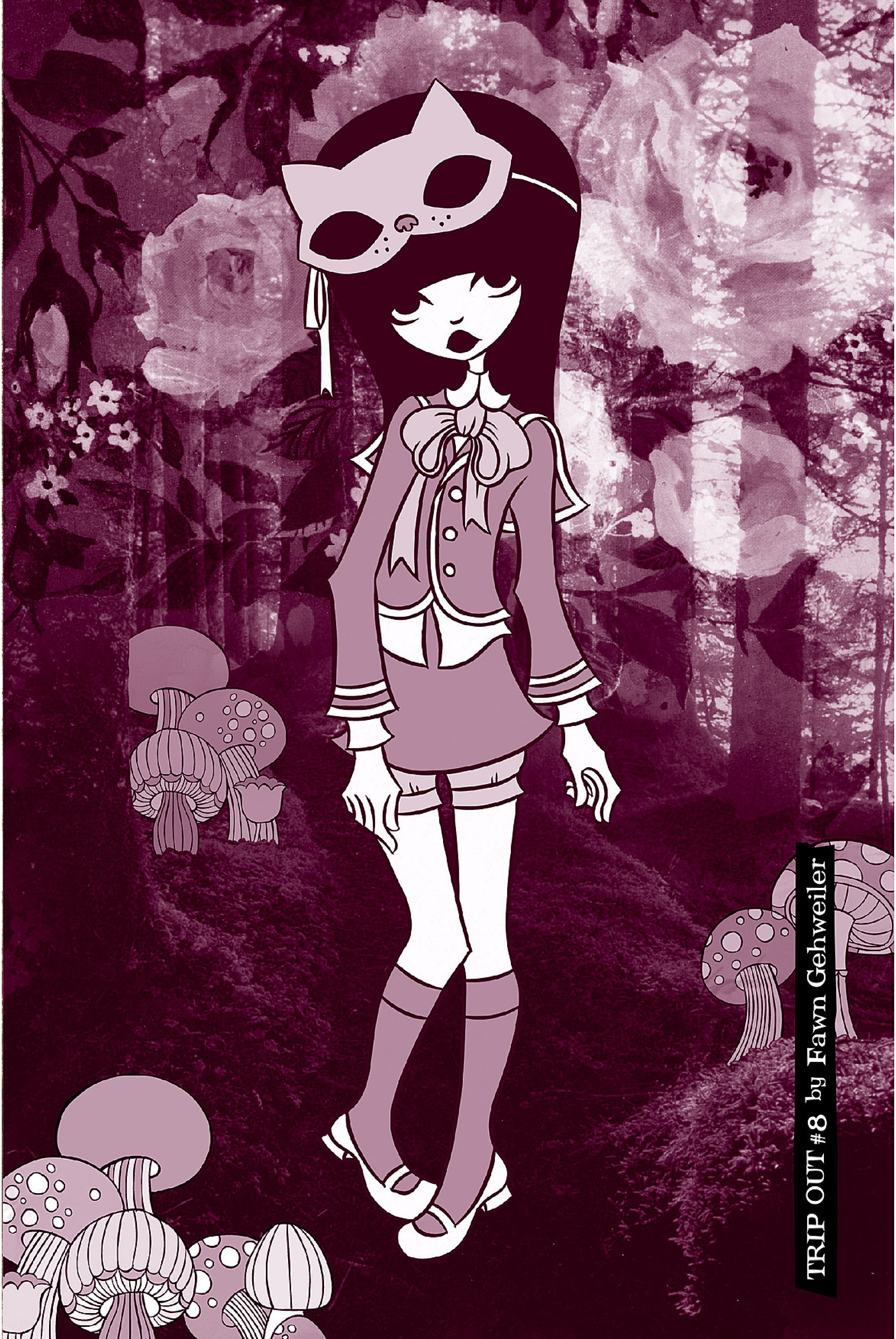
This should teach that Solitudinizer what ALONE really means!
Flathering jimjarks!
Man, my Essence of Alone really isn't very lonely.
Seriously, I need some breathing room here.
Where am I gonna get some REAL Essence of Alone?

Hmm, just as I suspected.
NONE of you really knows what it's like to be alone!
Except... Cardboard Fluffy here.
There's probably not another one like you in the known universe!
The silent meow --loneliest sound on earth!
MEEEOOOW!

Oh yeah!
Let me get some of that Alone, Fluffy!
It's GOLD!
Don't worry, Fluffy.
I know solitude isn't for everyone.
I'm gonna make you an army!
Lucky for us, I've been collecting
the souls of departed kitties
for the past 13 years.


Now go take on the day!
And, uh, don't get caught in the rain.
No more interruptions!
AWWWWWWW YEAH!
Just me... and my shadow...
...all alone and feeling fine.

BUT 13 MINUTES LATER...
Not a soul to tell my troubles to...
Meooooooow!
THE NOT-SO-SILENT MEOW!
Miles? NeeChee? Mystery? Sabbath?
Is that you?
Alone is where the heart is!
Alone is where the POSSE is.
Dude, she didn't even last an hour!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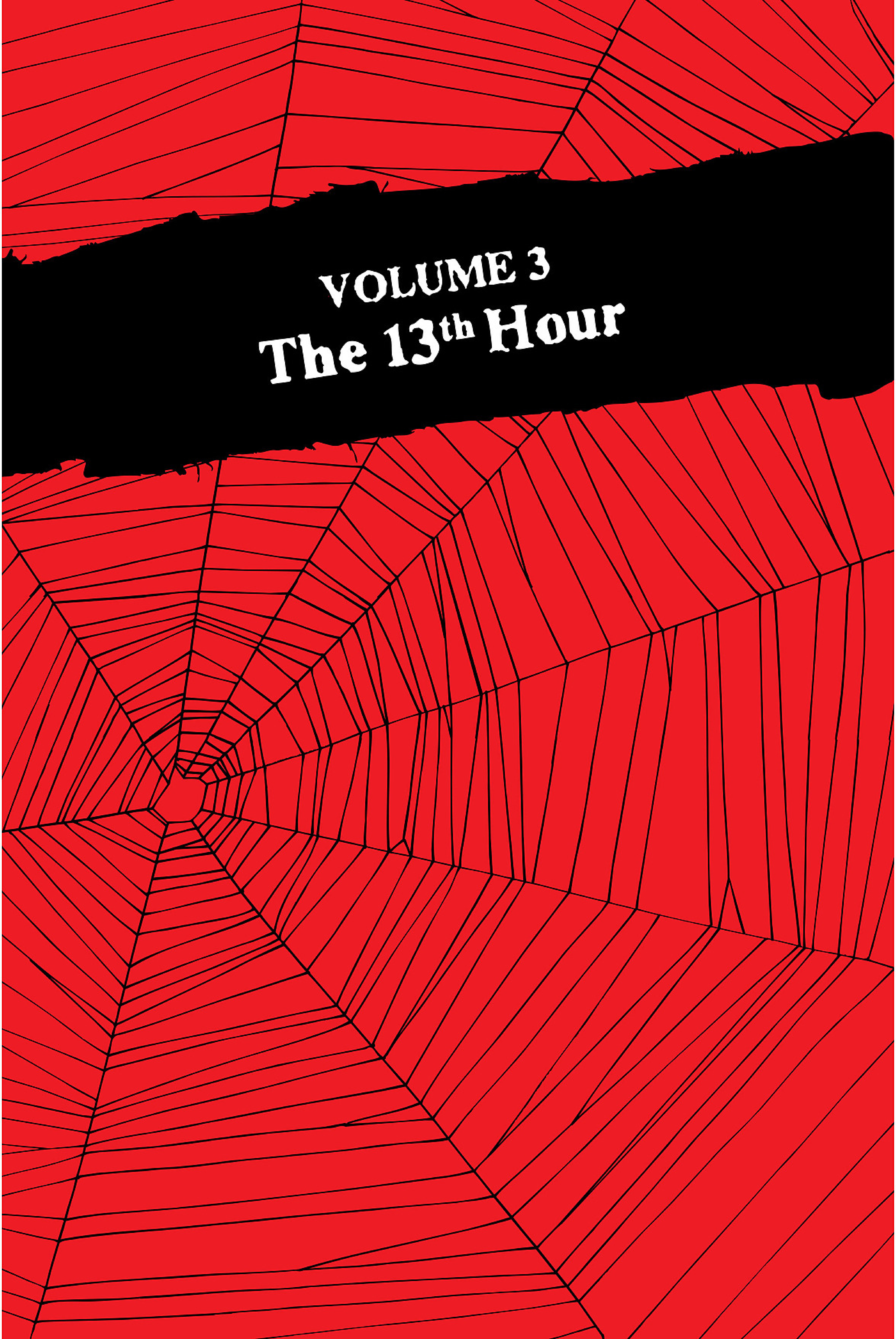

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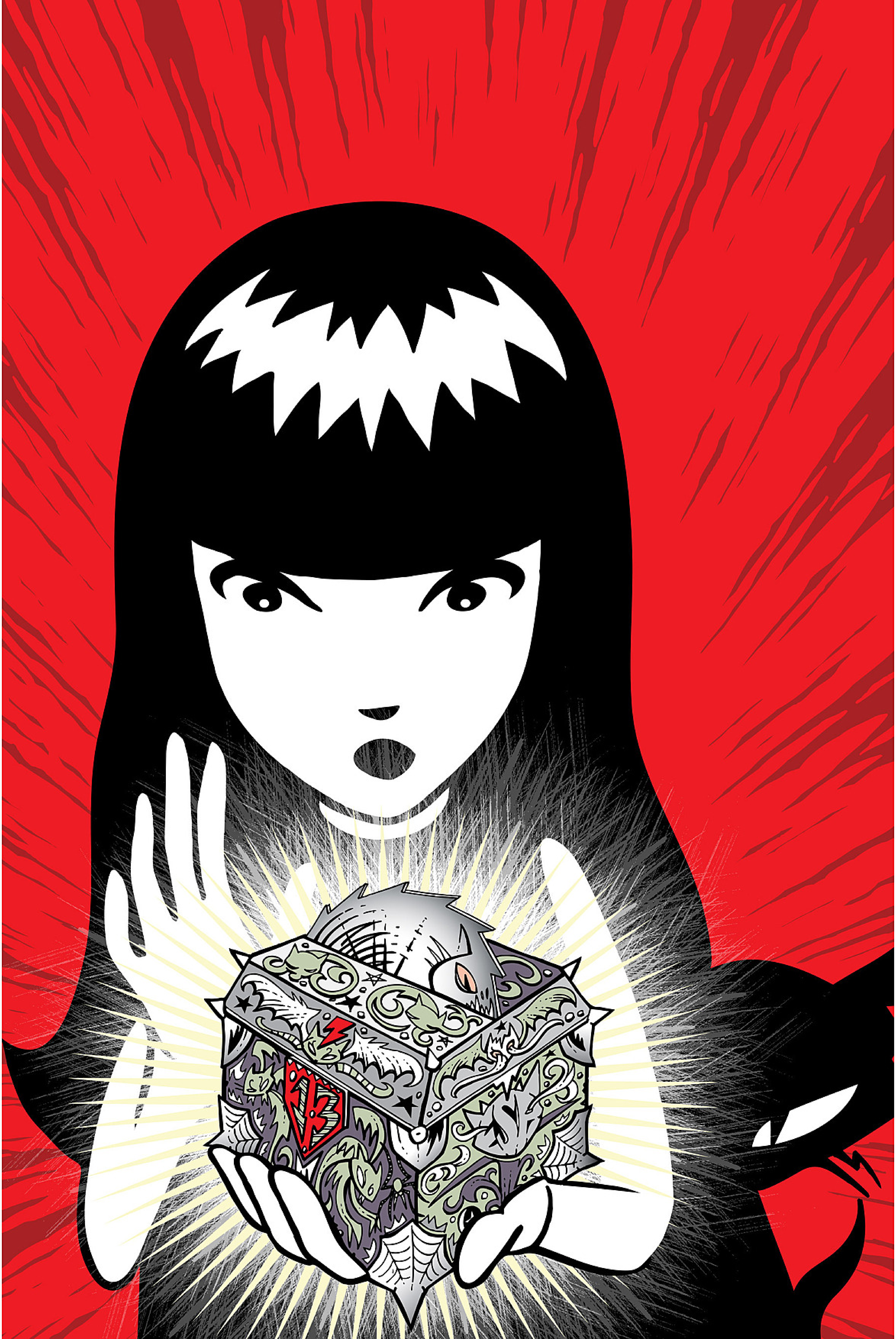
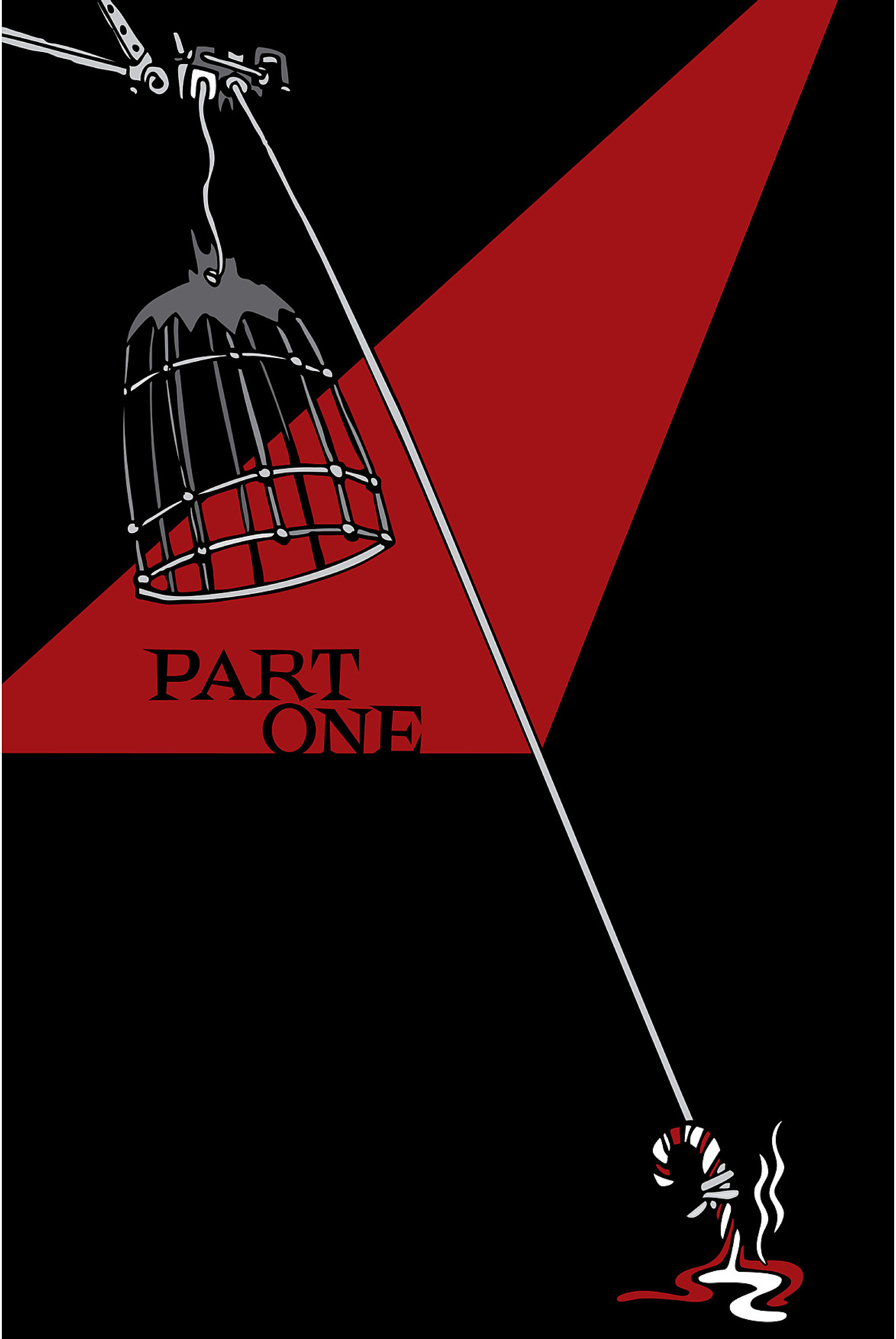


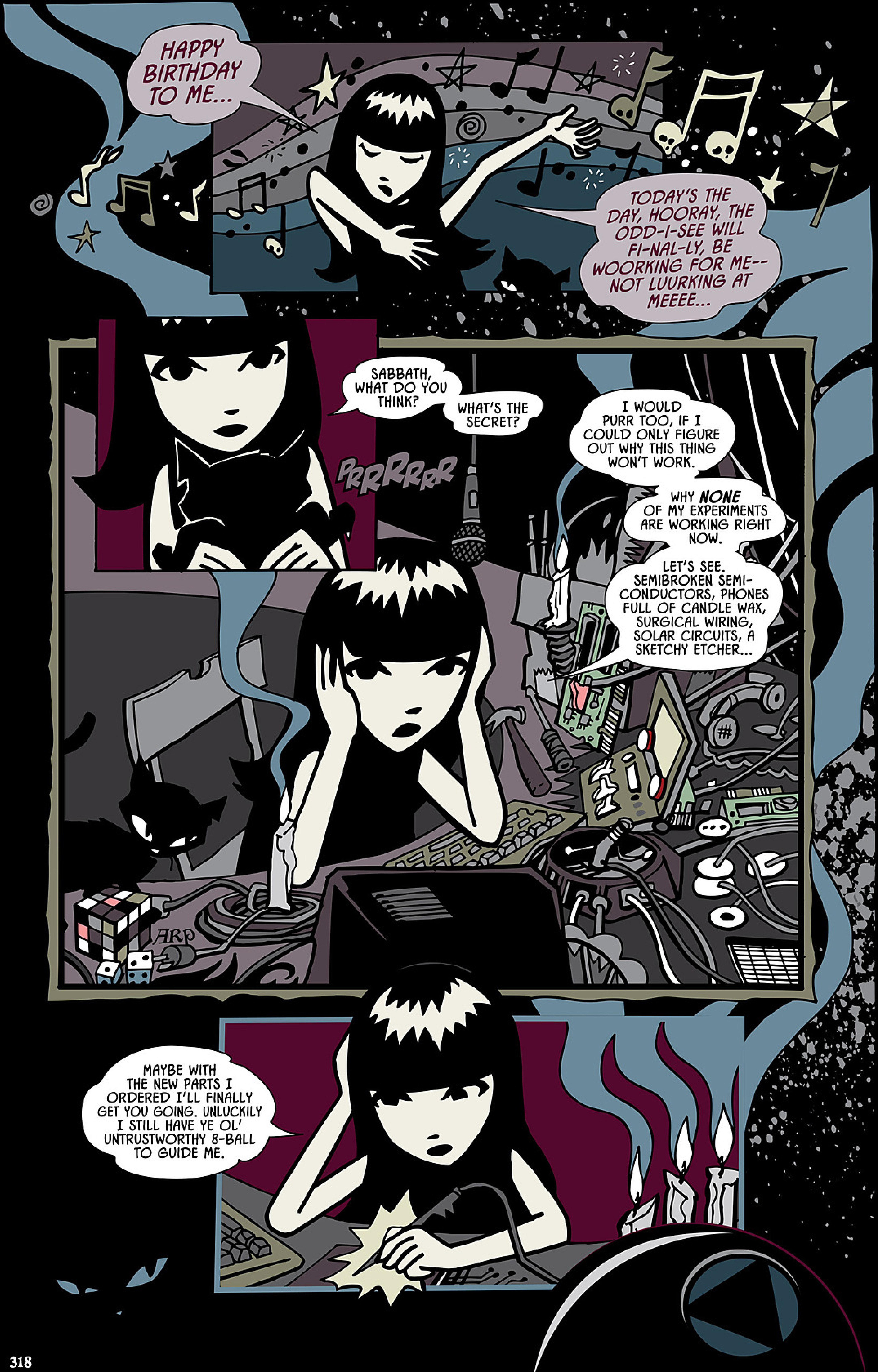

PART
ONE

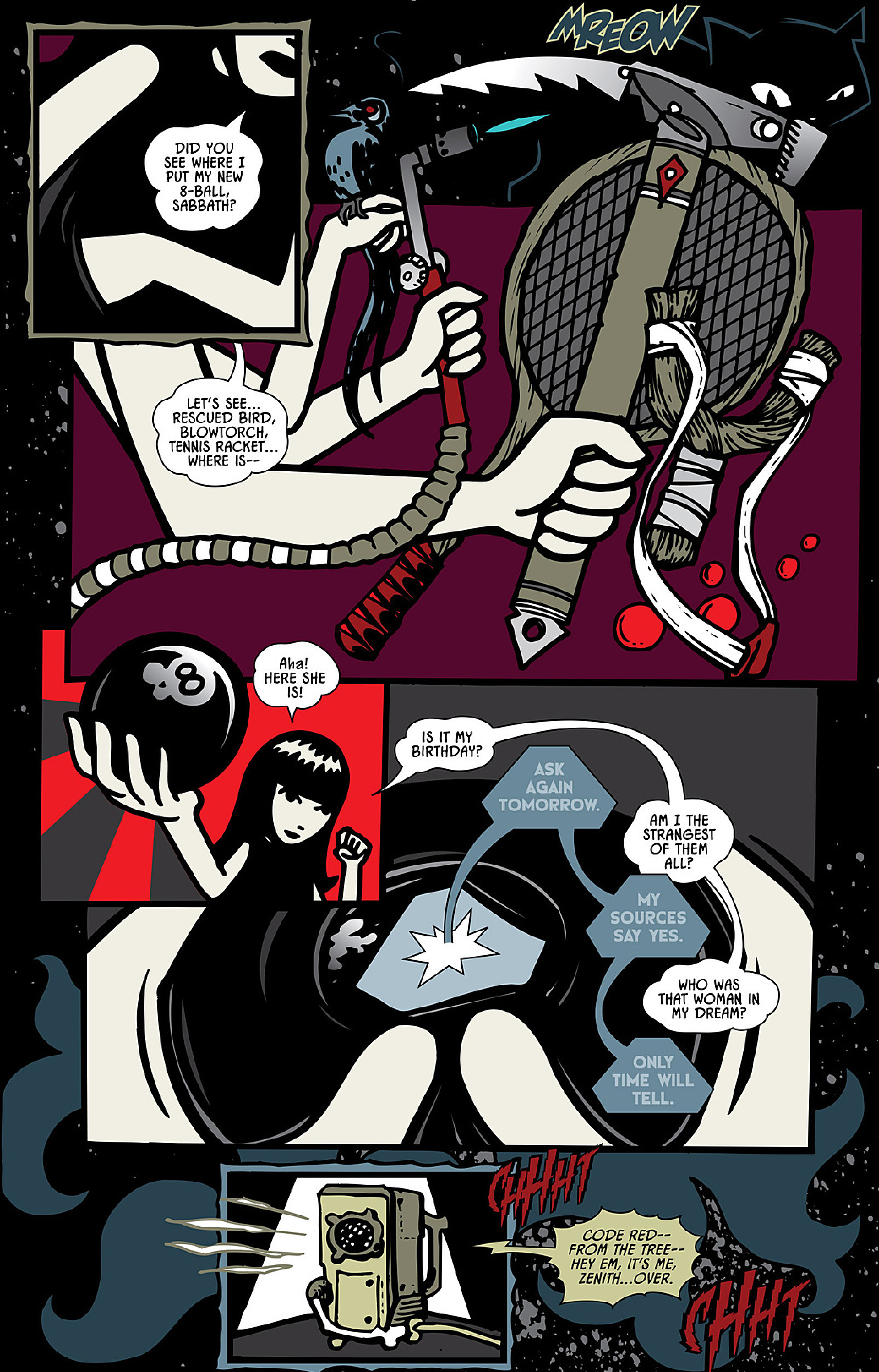
COME TO ME, COME TO ME! I DARE YOU!
EMILY'S 13th HOUR

AAAAY!
SWISH
REEOW
Huuunh?! WHOA!
REEOWR

THAT WAS WICKED!
I LOVE A GOOD NIGHTMARE THAT LEAVES ME HANGING ON FOR DEAR LIFE.
Sigh
ARE YOU OKAY? YOU HAVING NIGHTMARES AGAIN?
YEAH--IT WAS EVEN BETTER THIS TIME!
MORE REAL. MORE DISTURBING THAN THE LAST ONE.
EMILY, YOU ARE SOOOO STRANGE. BY THE WAY, HAPPY THIRTEENTH BIRTHDAY...MOMMY'S LITTLE MONSTER.
THANKS, PATTI! I MEAN, MOMMY.
...SAYS THE KID WRAPPED UP IN A NIGHTMARE, LOCKED IN A BEDROOM, TRAPPED IN A KID'S BODY.

A SOLAR ECLIPSE
Sigh
BACK TO REALITY.
NOW FOR THE HARD PART...
...GETTING UP!!
YOU KNOW WHAT'S GOOD ABOUT SLEEPING IN YOUR CLOTHES, SABBATH?
YOU'RE ALREADY DRESSED WHEN YOU GET UP!


HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ME...
TODAY'S THE DAY, HOORAY, THE ODD-I-SEE WILL FI-NAL-LY, BE WOORKING FOR ME-- NOT LUURKING AT MEEEE...
SABBATH, WHAT DO YOU THINK?
WHAT'S THE SECRET?
PRRRRRR
I WOULD PURR TOO, IF I COULD ONLY FIGURE OUT WHY THIS THING WON'T WORK.
WHY NONE OF MY EXPERIMENTS ARE WORKING RIGHT NOW.
LET'S SEE. SEMIBROKEN SEMI-CONDUCTORS, PHONES FULL OF CANDLE WAX, SURGICAL WIRING, SOLAR CIRCUITS, A SKETCHY ETCHER...
MAYBE WITH THE NEW PARTS I ORDERED I'LL FINALLY GET YOU GOING. UNLUCKILY I STILL HAVE YE OL' UNTRUSTWORTHY 8-BALL TO GUIDE ME.


MREOW
DID YOU SEE WHERE I PUT MY NEW 8-BALL, SABBATH?
LET'S SEE... RESCUED BIRD, BLOWTORCH, TENNIS RACKET... WHERE IS--
Aha! HERE SHE IS!
IS IT MY BIRTHDAY?
ASK AGAIN TOMORROW.
AM I THE STRANGEST OF THEM ALL?
MY SOURCES SAY YES.
WHO WAS THAT WOMAN IN MY DREAM?
ONLY TIME WILL TELL.
CHHT
CODE RED-- FROM THE TREE-- HEY EM, IT'S ME, ZENITH...OVER.
CHHT

BZZZT
HOW'S THE SHOP, ZENITH? ANY NEW JUNK COME IN FOR ME?
SURE-- NEED A CRASH-TEST DUMMY?
Uh... PASS.
HEY, I DID FIND THAT SPEAK 'N' SPELL YOU WERE LOOKING FOR. IT'S RIGHT HERE! I HOPE IT HELPS WITH THAT HOMEMADE COMPUTER-MATRIX THINGY YOU GOT GOING.
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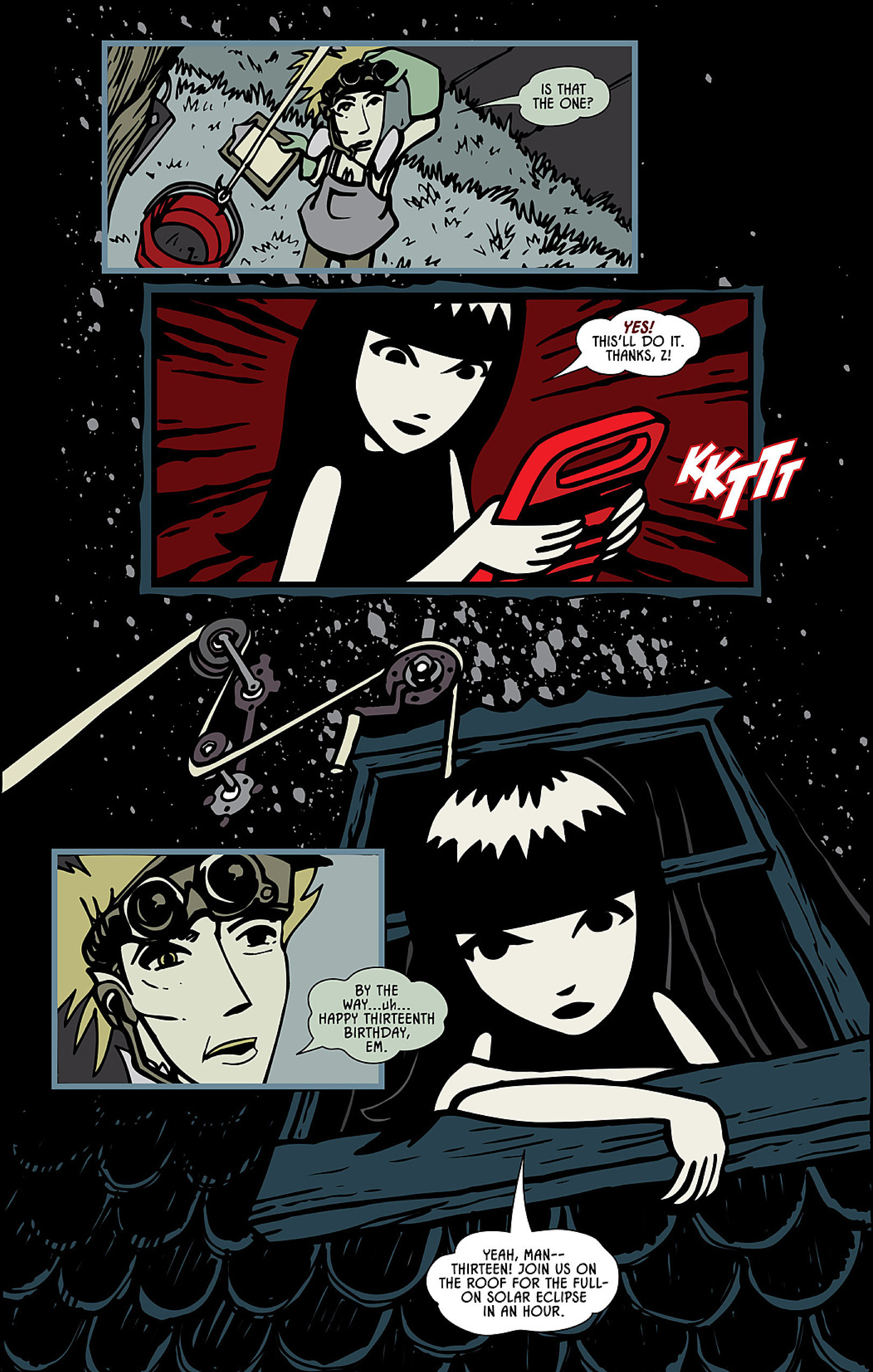
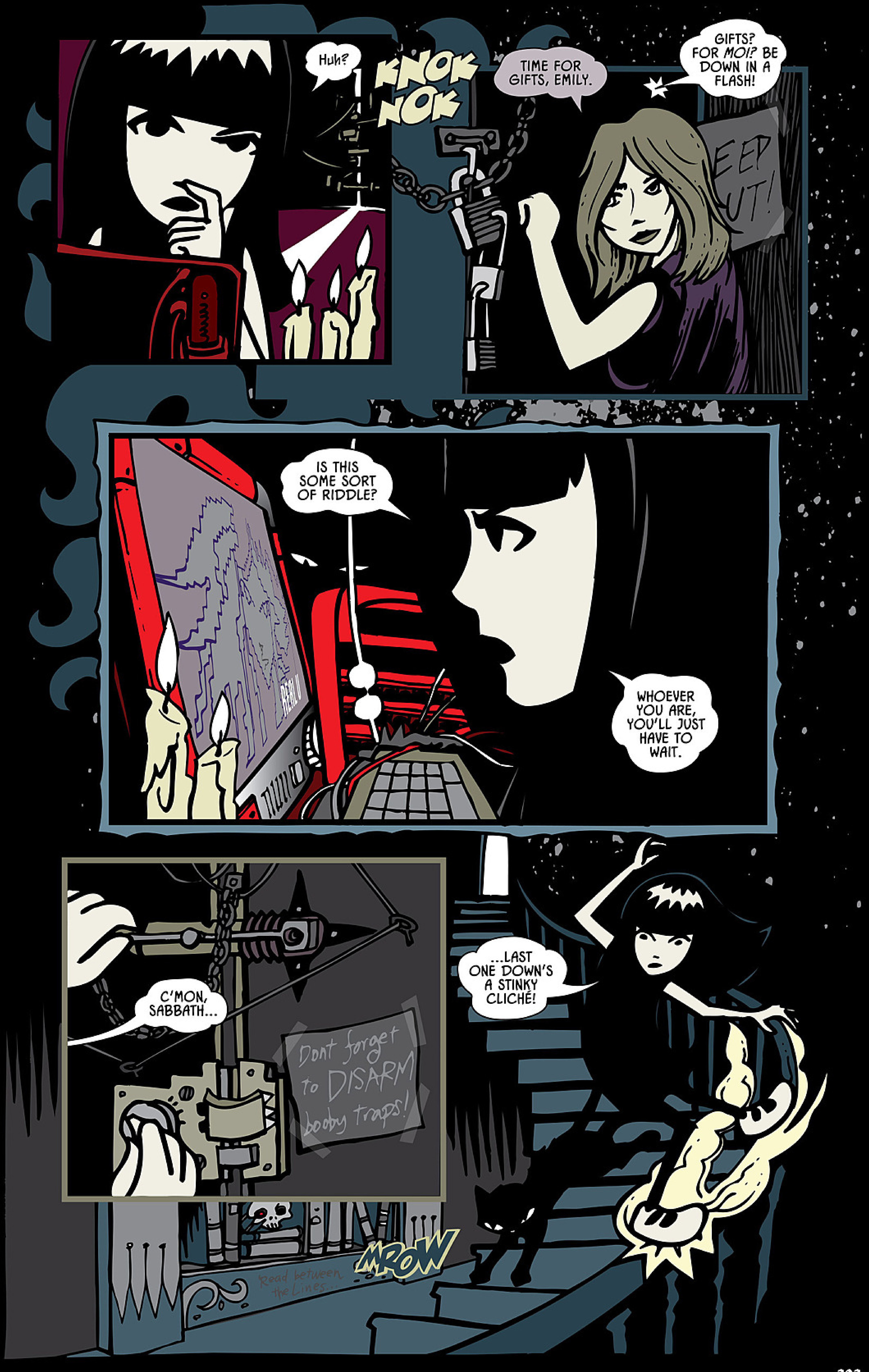
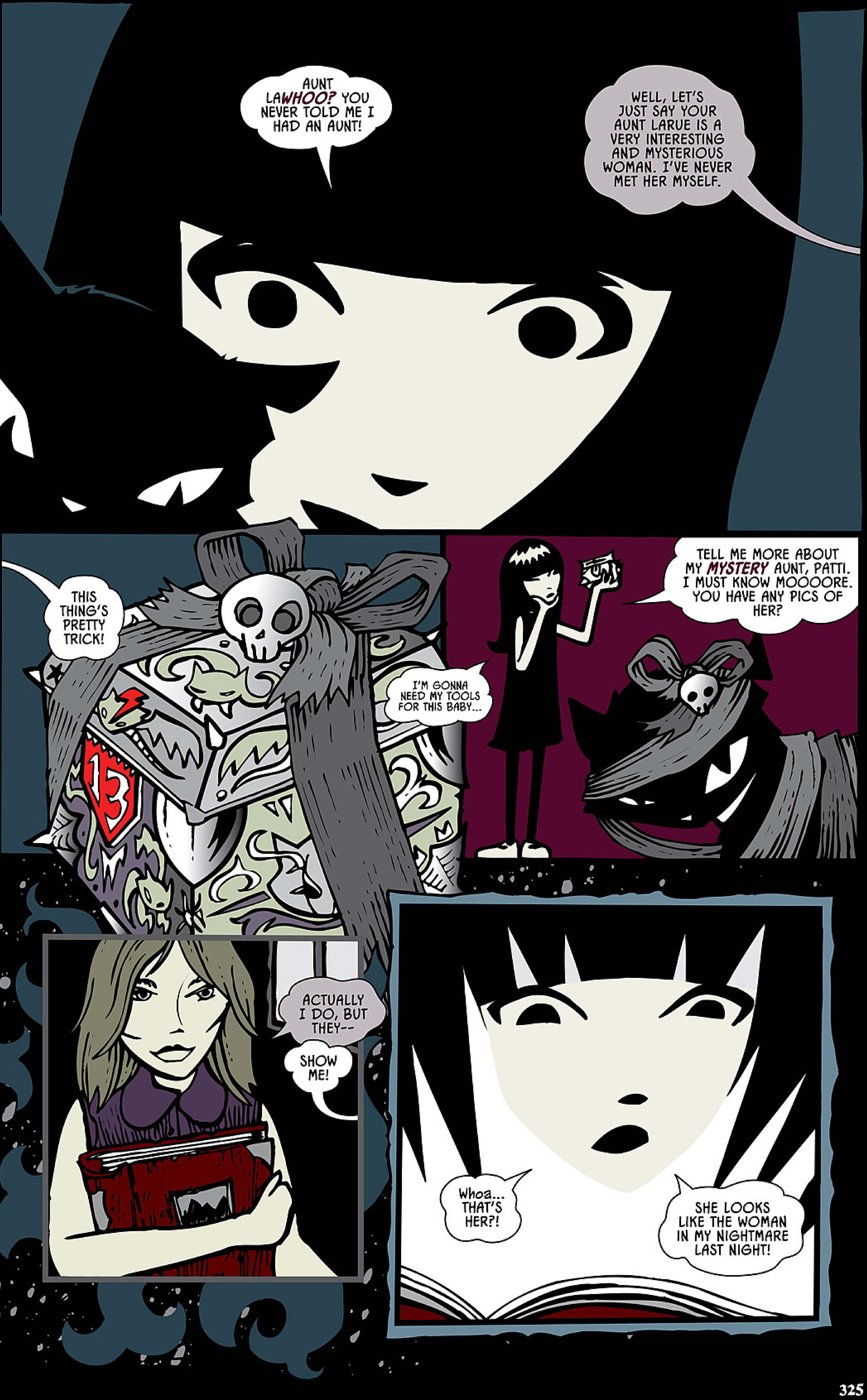
ZENITH ROCKS. HE ALWAYS FINDS THE GOODIES I NEED.

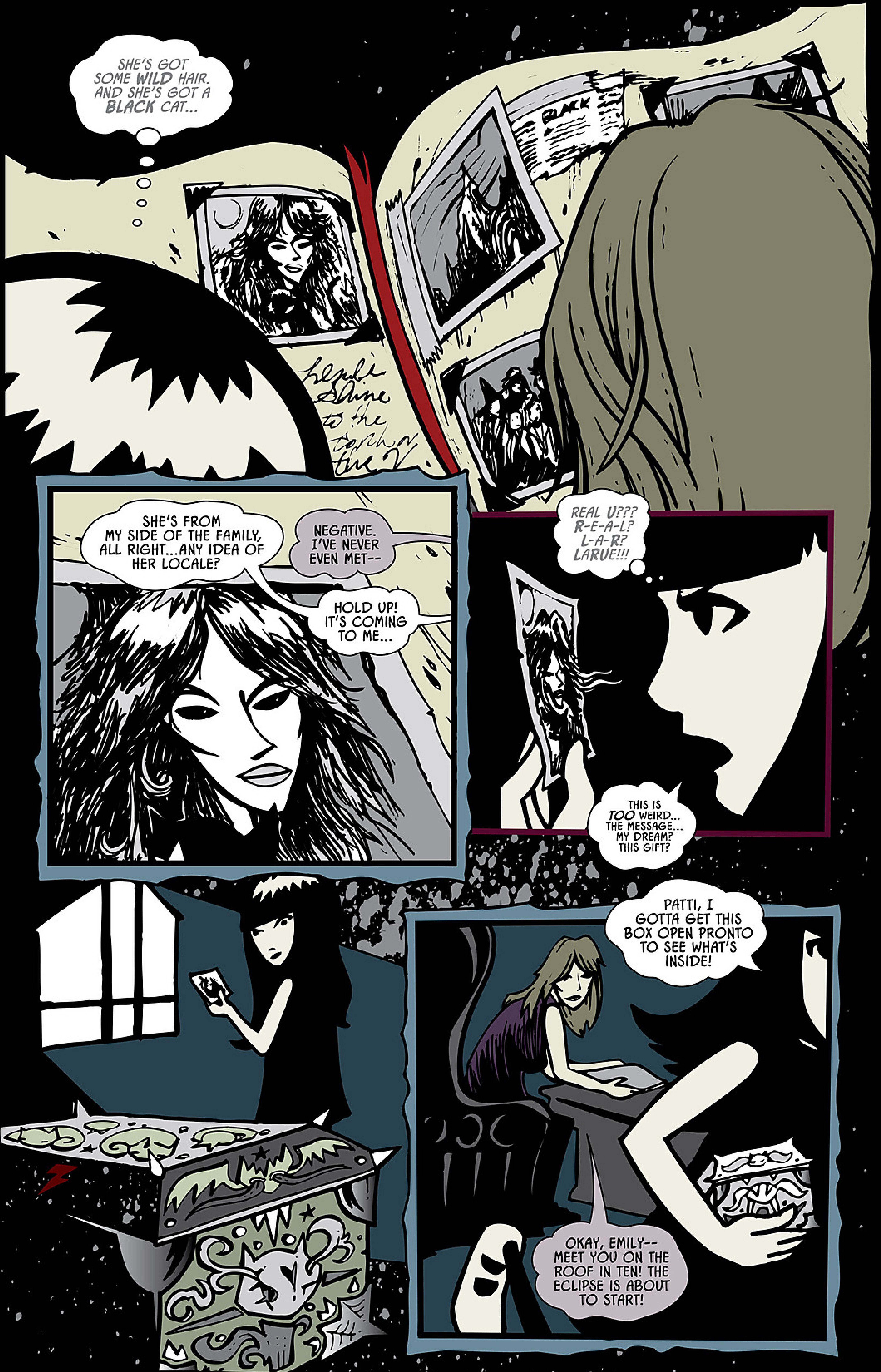

IS THAT THE ONE?
YES! THIS'LL DO IT. THANKS, Z!
KKTTT
BY THE WAY...uh... HAPPY THIRTEENTH BIRTHDAY, EM.
YEAH, MAN-- THIRTEEN! JOIN US ON THE ROOF FOR THE FULL-ON SOLAR ECLIPSE IN AN HOUR.

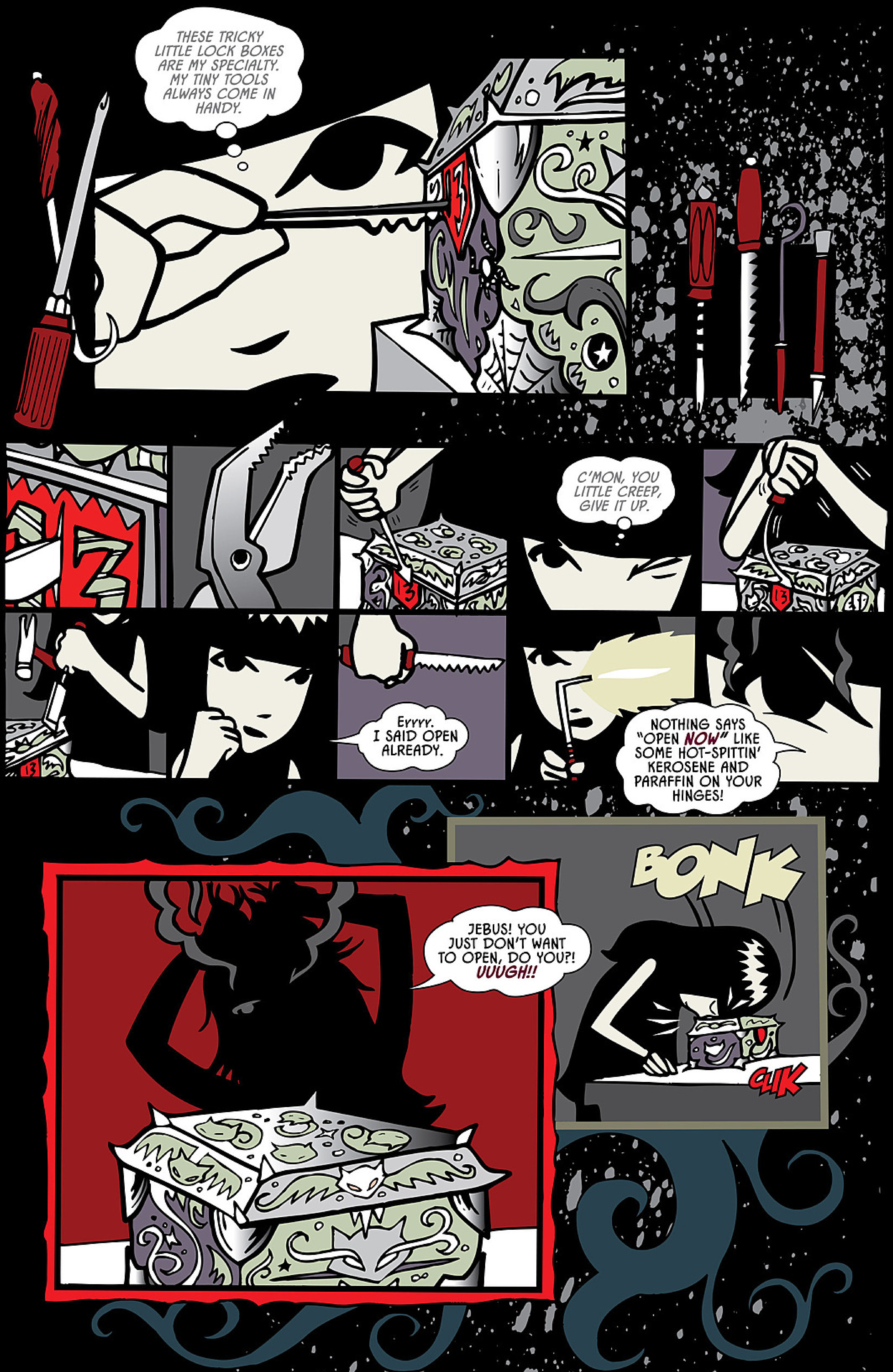
NOW, ALL I NEED IS THE CHRONOMETER AND MY MASTERPIECE WILL BE COMPLETE!
Free
Is it my birthday?
beep boop beep
You are 23.
WRONG!
Hmmm... MAYBE MY RAZOR-SHARP SPLICING SKILLS GOT THOSE WIRES CROSSED...
ABCDEFGHIJKLM
NOPQRSTUVWXYZ
WHOOOO WAAAAS THAT WOOOOMAN IN MY DREEEEEAAM?
REAL U
I DIDN'T *ASK* FOR A *SELF-PORTRAIT!*


Huh?
KNOK KNOK
TIME FOR GIFTS, EMILY.
GIFTS? FOR MOI? BE DOWN IN A FLASH!
IS THIS SOME SORT OF RIDDLE?
WHOEVER YOU ARE, YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO WAIT.
C'MON, SABBATH...
Dont forget to DISARM booby traps!
...LAST ONE DOWN'S A STINKY CLICHÉ!
MROW
Read between the Lines...

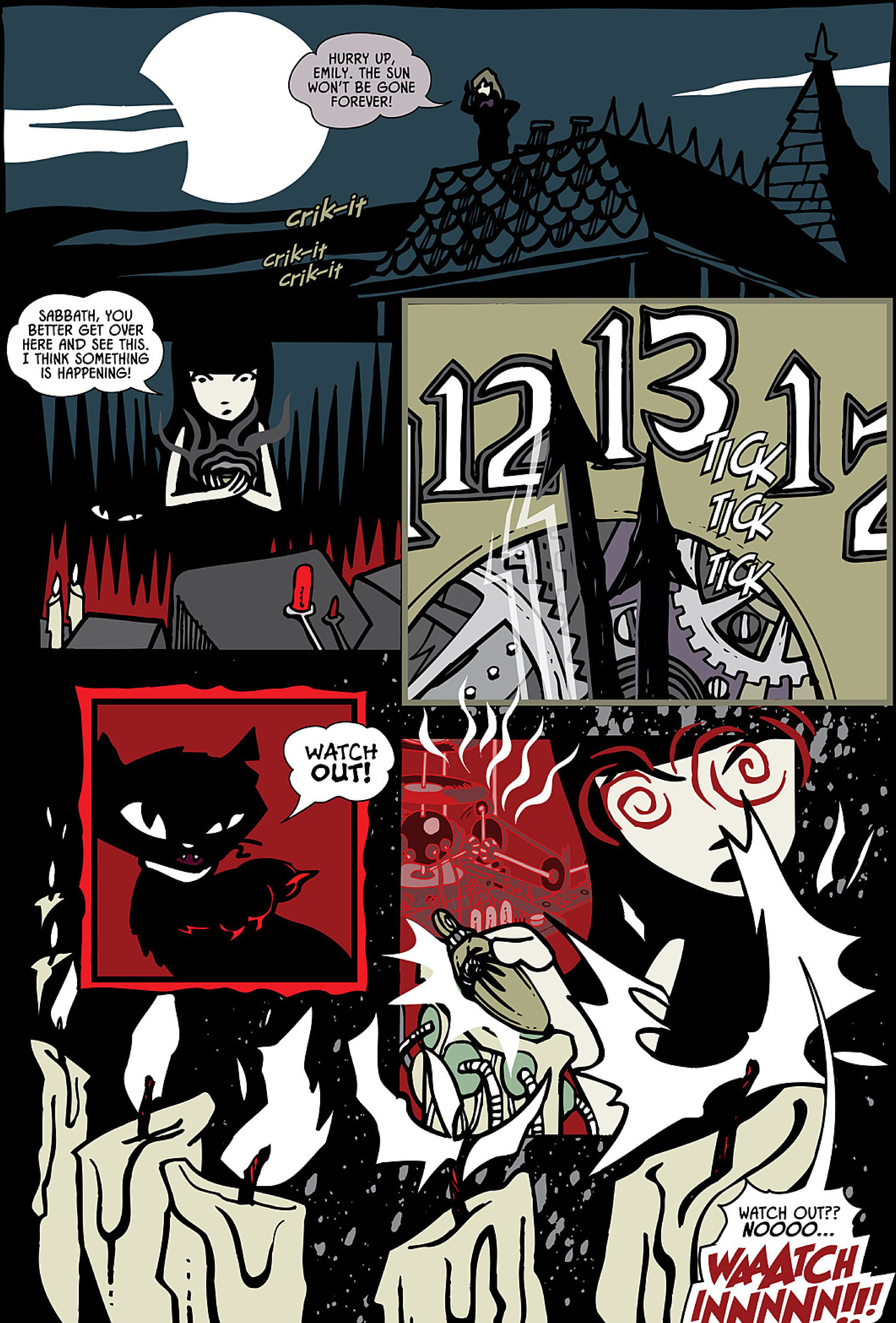
HAPPY BIRTHDAY, LITTLE TEENAGER!
OMG!
REAL NICE, PATTI. THANKS!
NICE ELASTICITY. GOOD GRIP. POWER TORQUE... GOOD JOB, PATTI-O!
I BET YOU CAN SEE THE DARKER SIDE OF THE DAY NOW, huh, SABBATH?
THEY'RE FOR THE SOLAR ECLIPSE LATER TODAY!
I KNOW! AND THEY'RE AWESOME. BUT LET ME GO ALREADY! I HAVE A LOT TO DO.
I'M MAKING GOOD PROGRESS WITH THE ODDISEE, SO I'LL SEE YOU IN A FEW. I CAN'T WAIT!
NOT SO FAST. I HAVE A GIFT FROM YOUR AUNT LARUE.


AUNT LAWHOO? YOU NEVER TOLD ME I HAD AN AUNT!
WELL, LET'S JUST SAY YOUR AUNT LARUE IS A VERY INTERESTING AND MYSTERIOUS WOMAN. I'VE NEVER MET HER MYSELF.
THIS THING'S PRETTY TRICK!
I'M GONNA NEED MY TOOLS FOR THIS BABY...
TELL ME MORE ABOUT MY MYSTERY AUNT, PATTI. I MUST KNOW MOOOORE. YOU HAVE ANY PICS OF HER?
ACTUALLY I DO, BUT THEY--
SHOW ME!
Whoa... THAT'S HER?!
SHE LOOKS LIKE THE WOMAN IN MY NIGHTMARE LAST NIGHT!


SHE'S GOT SOME WILD HAIR. AND SHE'S GOT A BLACK CAT...
SHE'S FROM MY SIDE OF THE FAMILY, ALL RIGHT...ANY IDEA OF HER LOCALE?
NEGATIVE. I'VE NEVER EVEN MET--
HOLD UP! IT'S COMING TO ME...
REAL U??? R-E-A-L? L-A-R? LARUE!!!
THIS IS TOO WEIRD... THE MESSAGE... MY DREAM? THIS GIFT?
PATTI, I GOTTA GET THIS BOX OPEN PRONTO TO SEE WHAT'S INSIDE!
OKAY, EMILY-- MEET YOU ON THE ROOF IN TEN! THE ECLIPSE IS ABOUT TO START!


THESE TRICKY LITTLE LOCK BOXES ARE MY SPECIALTY. MY TINY TOOLS ALWAYS COME IN HANDY.
C'MON, YOU LITTLE CREEP, GIVE IT UP.
Eyyyy. I SAID OPEN ALREADY.
NOTHING SAYS "OPEN NOW" LIKE SOME HOT-SPITTIN' KEROSENE AND PARAFFIN ON YOUR HINGES!
JEBUS! YOU JUST DON'T WANT TO OPEN, DO YOU?! UUUGH!!
BONK
CLIK

ZZZZZZZZZTTTTTT
WELL, WELL, LARUE...YOU GAVE ME THE OL' GIFT INSIDE A GIFT. PRETTY TRICK STUFF.
HOLY RIZOLI! LOOK AT THIS, SABBATH, IT'S AN OLD-TIMEY, AMAZING WATCH! WITH CREEPY LITTLE HANDS HOLDING IT CLOSED! AND IT GOES TO THIRTEEN!
GOOD NIGHTMARE WITH THIS WICKED-COOL AUNT? CHECK. CLOCK GOING TO THIRTEEN? CHECK. LOSING MY GRIP AND FALLING TO CERTAIN DEATH? UH...I HOPE NOT!
Uuuuuhh, SABBATH, THIS IS SOME BIZARRE COINCIDENCE...


HURRY UP, EMILY. THE SUN WON'T BE GONE FOREVER!
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SABBATH, YOU BETTER GET OVER HERE AND SEE THIS. I THINK SOMETHING IS HAPPENING!
12 13 1 2
TICK
TICK
TICK
WATCH OUT!
WATCH OUT?? NOOOO...
WAAATCH INNNNN!!!

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CLIK
HOLY ARACHNID, SABBATH!
halla bellalamungupa chupa lupa halla bellalamungupa chupa lupa
WHAT IS IT TRYING TO SAY???
ODD I SEE
BEEP
BOOP
FZZZT
YOU ARE THE HEIR TO THE
STRANGE SECRETS OF - BL@CK
ROCK CASTLE. TRUTH BEYOND
YOUR WILDEST NOIT@NIGAM
AWAITS YOU. IT IS TIME TO
UNLOCK THE YRETSYM WITHIN YOU
Oh... and beware of a striped creature called EL VIEGO!!!!
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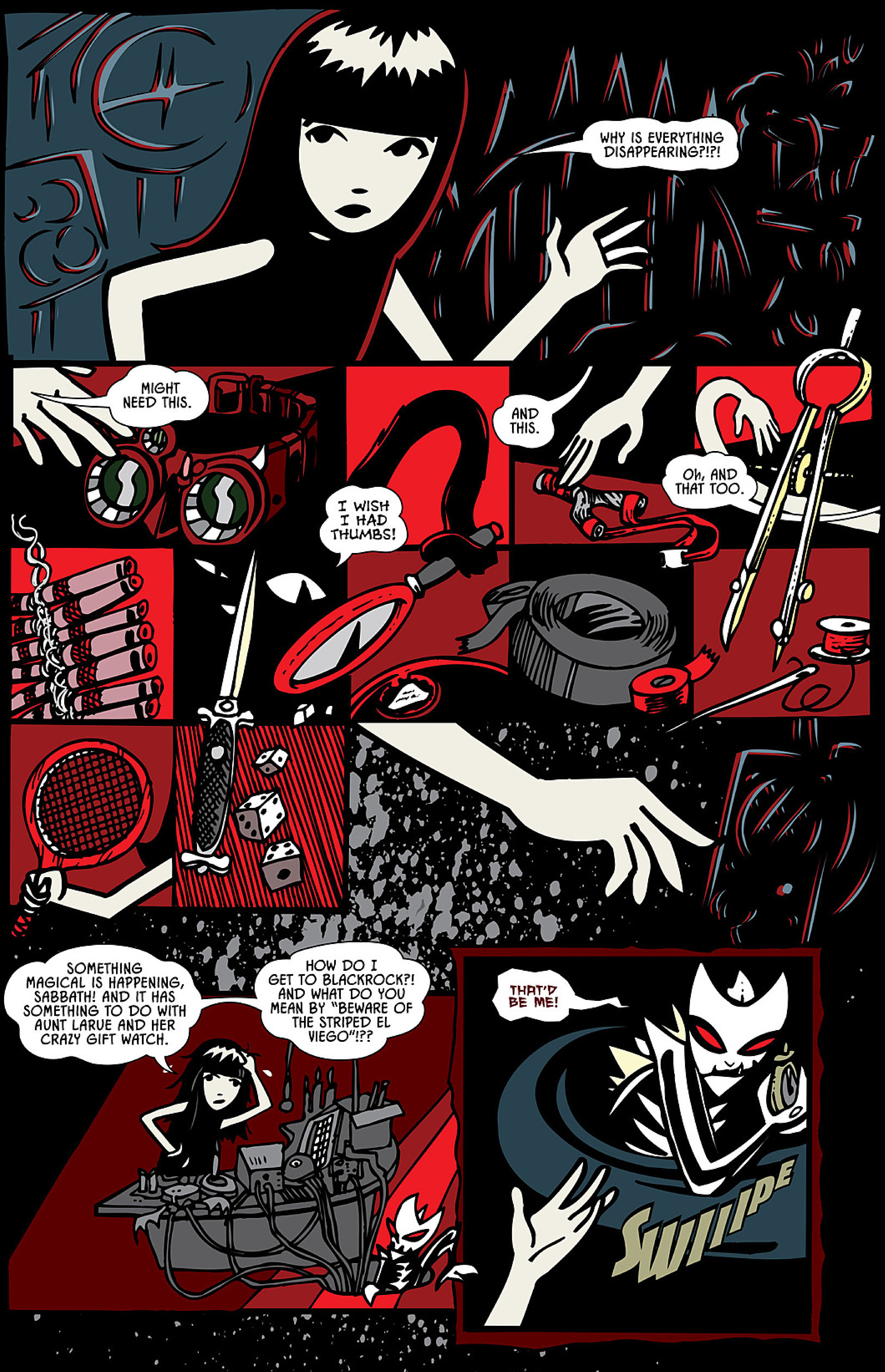
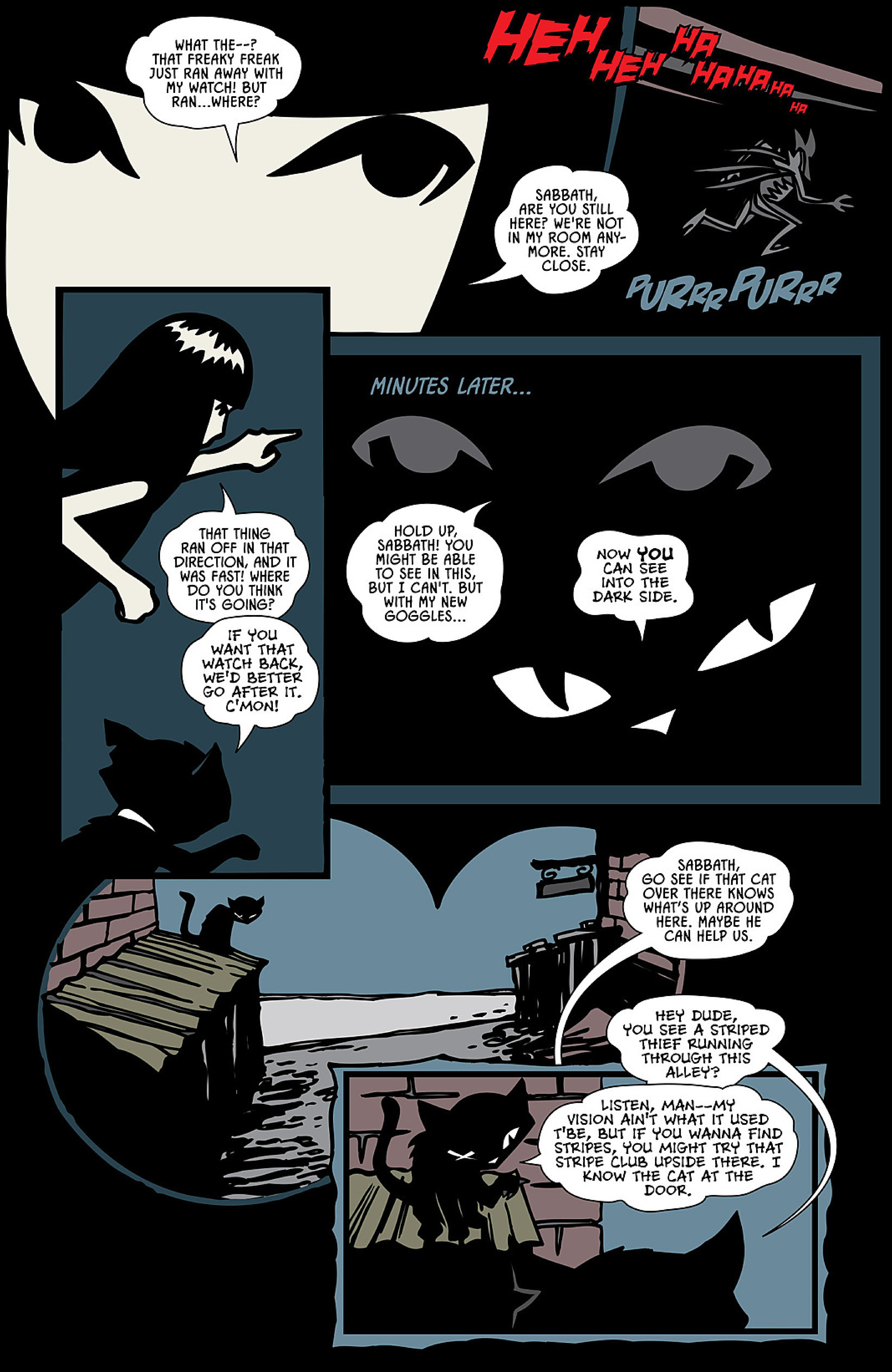
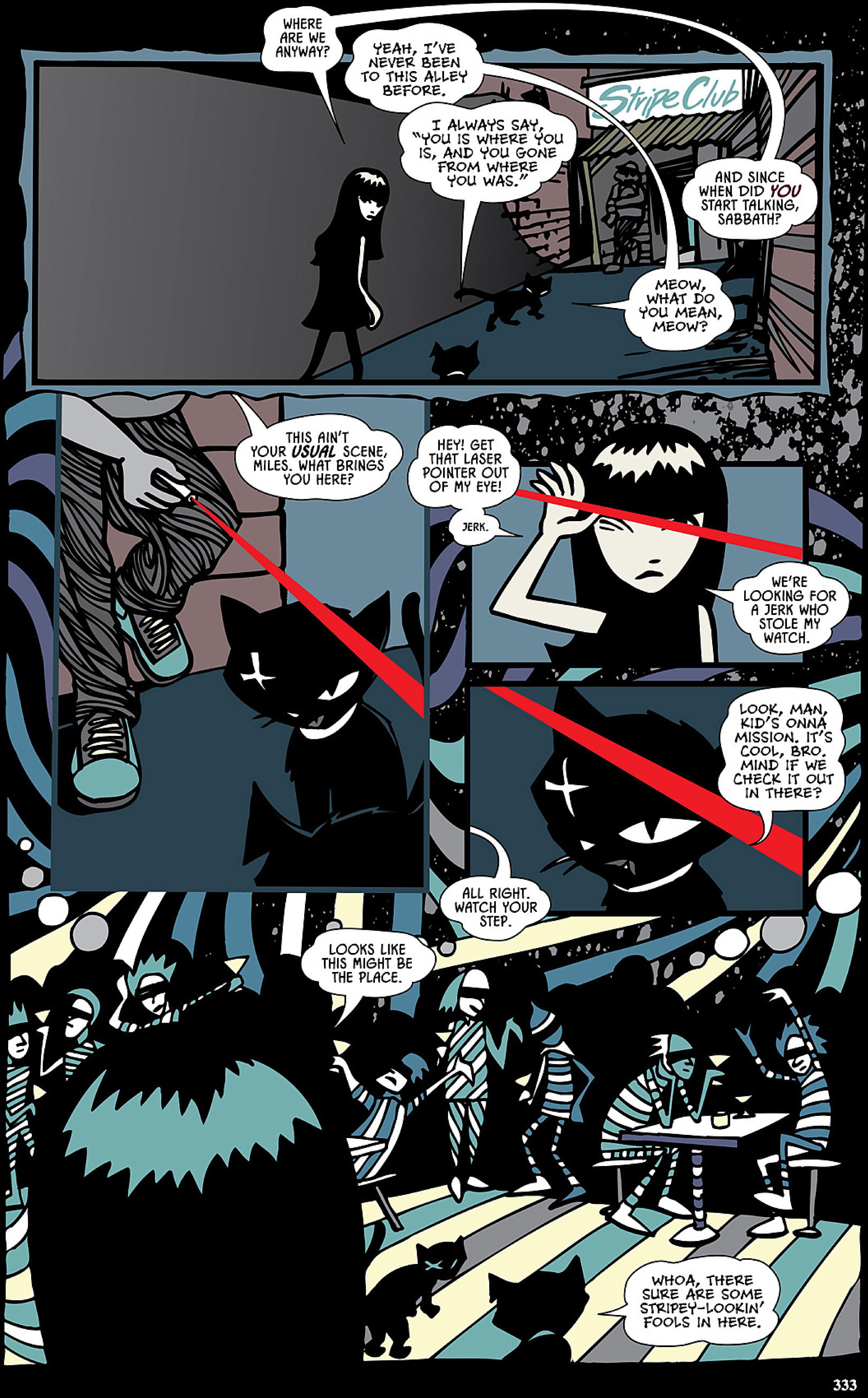
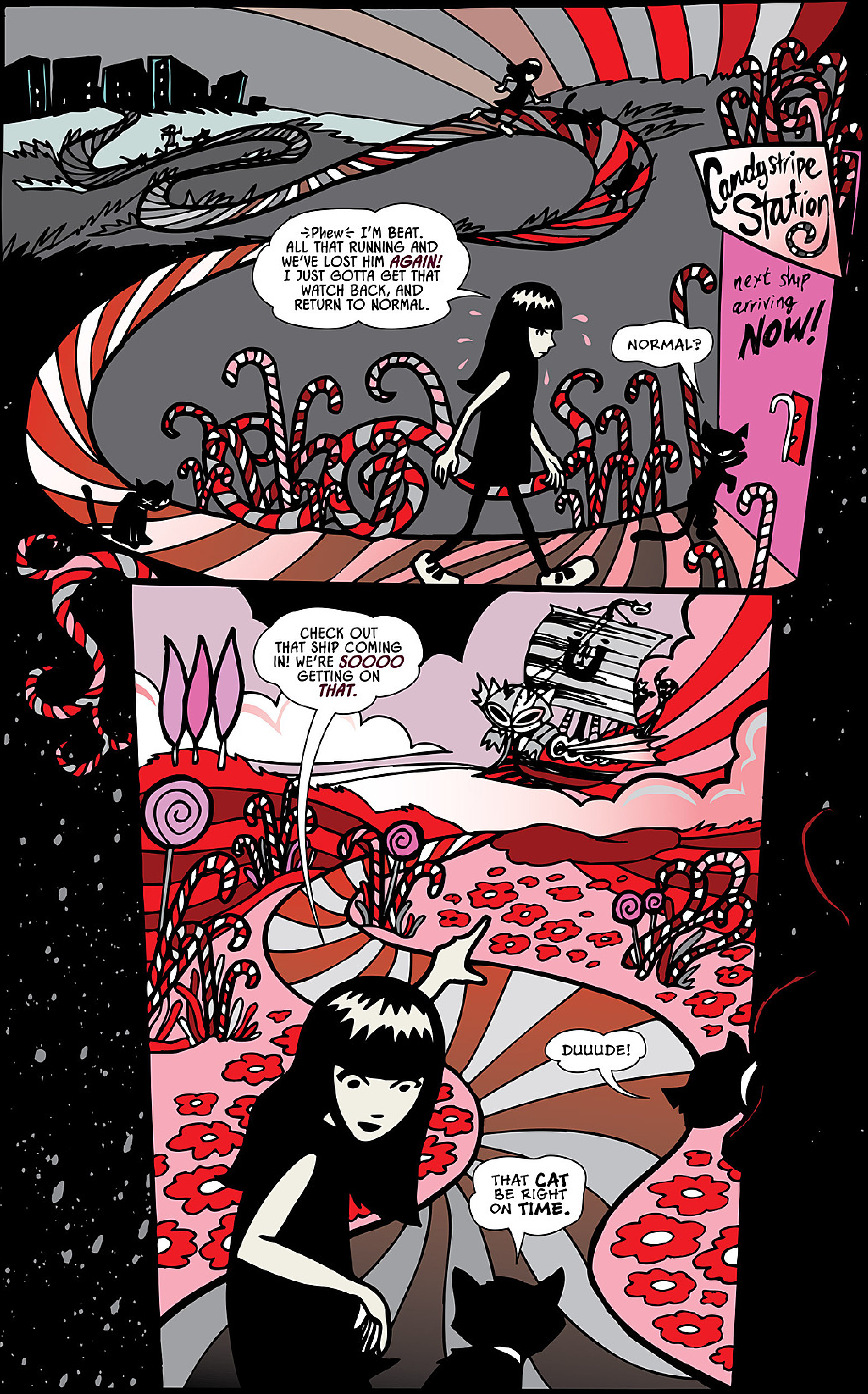
BLARP
FZZZT


WHY IS EVERYTHING DISAPPEARING?!?!
MIGHT NEED THIS.
I WISH I HAD THUMBS!
AND THIS.
Oh, AND THAT TOO.
SOMETHING MAGICAL IS HAPPENING, SABBATH! AND IT HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH AUNT LARUE AND HER CRAZY GIFT WATCH.
HOW DO I GET TO BLACKROCK?! AND WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY "BEWARE OF THE STRIPED EL VIEGO"!??
THAT'D BE ME!
SWIIIPE


WHAT THE--? THAT FREAKY FREAK JUST RAN AWAY WITH MY WATCH! BUT RAN...WHERE?
HEH HEH HA HAHAHAHA HA
SABBATH, ARE YOU STILL HERE? WE'RE NOT IN MY ROOM ANY-MORE. STAY CLOSE.
PURRR PURRR
THAT THING RAN OFF IN THAT DIRECTION, AND IT WAS FAST! WHERE DO YOU THINK IT'S GOING?
IF YOU WANT THAT WATCH BACK, WE'D BETTER GO AFTER IT. C'MON!
MINUTES LATER...
HOLD UP, SABBATH! YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO SEE IN THIS, BUT I CAN'T. BUT WITH MY NEW GOGGLES...
NOW YOU CAN SEE INTO THE DARK SIDE.
SABBATH, GO SEE IF THAT CAT OVER THERE KNOWS WHAT'S UP AROUND HERE. MAYBE HE CAN HELP US.
HEY DUDE, YOU SEE A STRIPED THIEF RUNNING THROUGH THIS ALLEY?
LISTEN, MAN--MY VISION AIN'T WHAT IT USED T'BE, BUT IF YOU WANNA FIND STRIPES, YOU MIGHT TRY THAT STRIPE CLUB UPSIDE THERE. I KNOW THE CAT AT THE DOOR.


WHERE ARE WE ANYWAY?
YEAH, I'VE NEVER BEEN TO THIS ALLEY BEFORE.
I ALWAYS SAY, "YOU IS WHERE YOU IS, AND YOU GONE FROM WHERE YOU WAS."
Stripe Club
AND SINCE WHEN DID YOU START TALKING, SABBATH?
MEOW, WHAT DO YOU MEAN, MEOW?
THIS AIN'T YOUR USUAL SCENE, MILES. WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE?
HEY! GET THAT LASER POINTER OUT OF MY EYE!
JERK.
WE'RE LOOKING FOR A JERK WHO STOLE MY WATCH.
LOOK, MAN, KID'S ONNA MISSION. IT'S COOL, BRO. MIND IF WE CHECK IT OUT IN THERE?
ALL RIGHT. WATCH YOUR STEP.
LOOKS LIKE THIS MIGHT BE THE PLACE.
WHOA, THERE SURE ARE SOME STRIPEY-LOOKIN' FOOLS IN HERE.

HAVE YOU SEEN A--
EXCUSE ME. ARE YOU--
Uh, HELLO EVERYONE!
ANYONE?
GUESS NO ONE'S HEARIN' YOU. MAYBE YOU AIN'T RAPPIN' THEIR LINGO.
I'M TALKING TO CATS AND CATS ARE TALKING TO ME. AND THESE STRIPEY FOOLS CAN'T HEAR ME.
HEADS UP, GET A LOAD OF THIS GUY.
WIGGY WIGGY! GET STRIPED, LITTLE GIRL! EVERYBODY'S DOING IT!
SHRRRIIIPP
YUCK! GET LOST, YOU--!
WHAT THE-- OH!! IT'S YOU!!!
SKRREEEEECH
THIEF! FREAKY THIEF TOOK MY WATCH!
MILES, DID YOU SEE THAT? YOU WITH US?
LOOKS LIKES YOU CATS GONNA NEED ALL THE HELP YOU CAN DIG. I'M ALWAYS DOWN FOR AN ADVENTURE.


Candystripe Station
next ship arriving NOW!
Phew I'M BEAT. ALL THAT RUNNING AND WE'VE LOST HIM AGAIN! I JUST GOTTA GET THAT WATCH BACK, AND RETURN TO NORMAL.
NORMAL?
CHECK OUT THAT SHIP COMING IN! WE'RE SOOOO GETTING ON THAT.
DUUUDE!
THAT CAT BE RIGHT ON TIME.

LOST YOUR MIND?
LOST and FOUND
DEATH CERTIFICATE
FUTURE
EMILY MIND READER
YOU ARE WHAT YOU IS
DARK DAYS
WHICH IS WITCH???
POOF
GET LOST
WIZARD BONG
POCKET STRANGE
TRIPPY CARDS
SCARED OF THE DARK?
BE A CAT FIGHT CHAMP
GOOD KITTY GONE BAD
ARTISTIC LICENSE
With this you will have the power to create your own LIFE. Good Luck!
Artistic License
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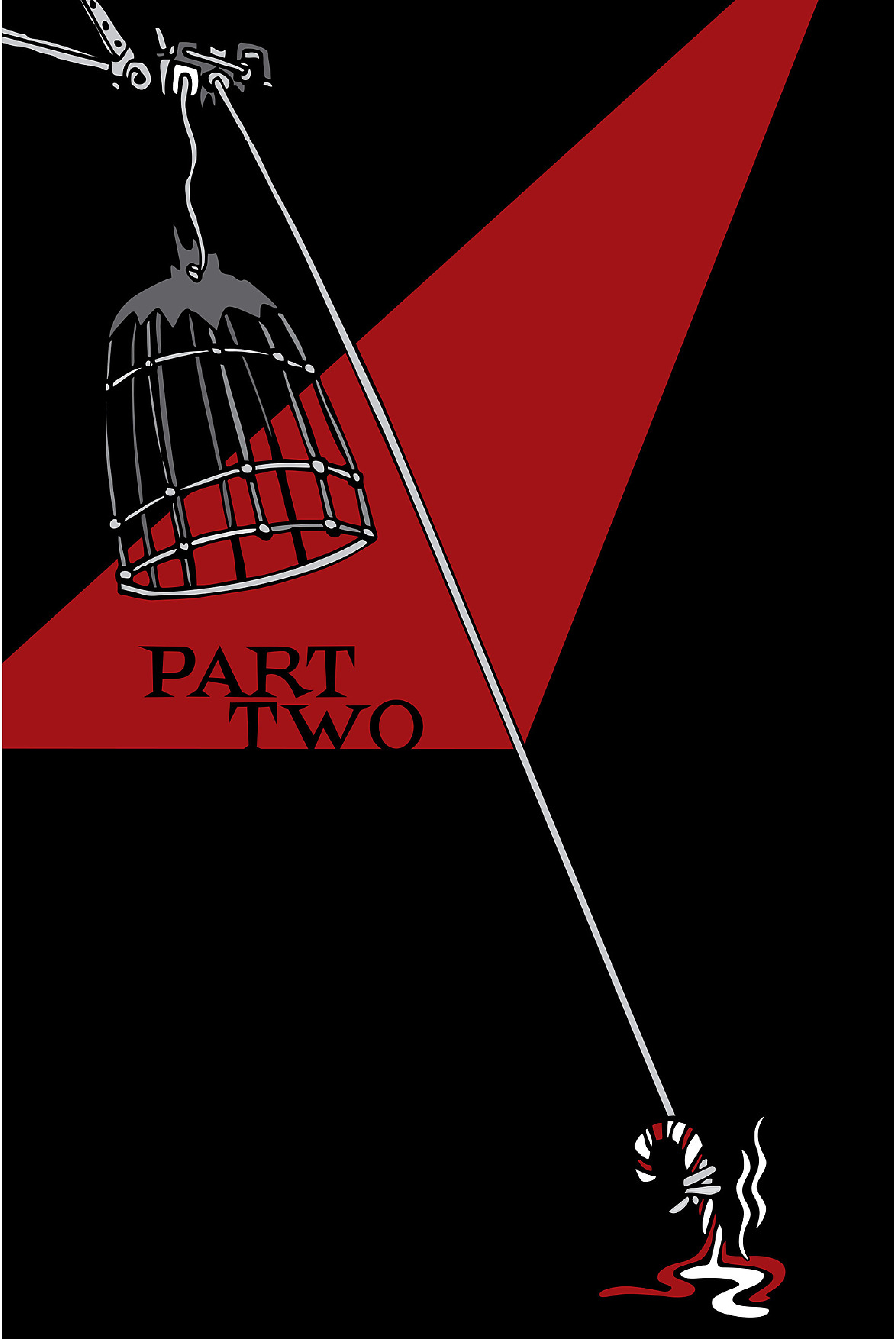
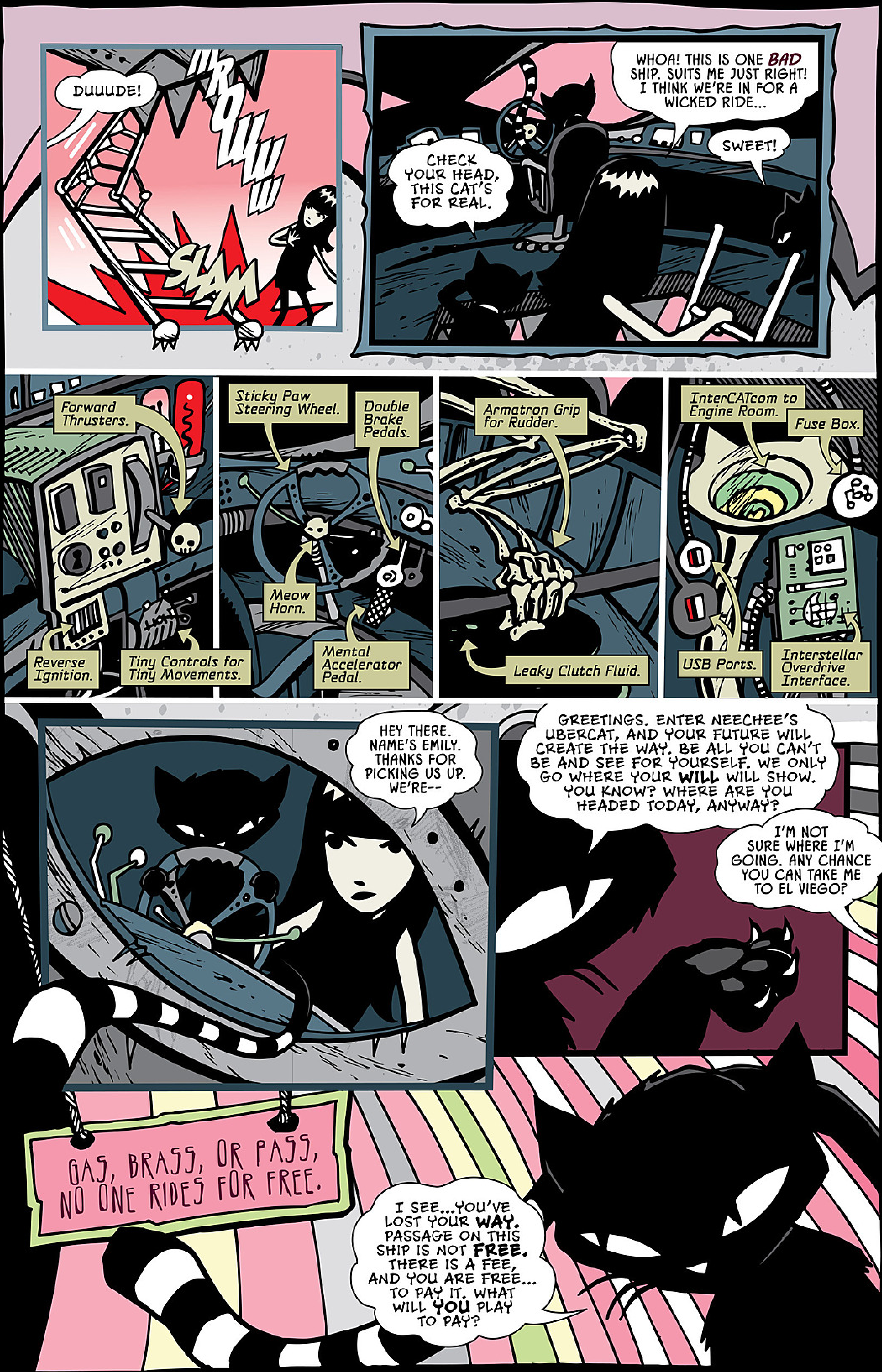
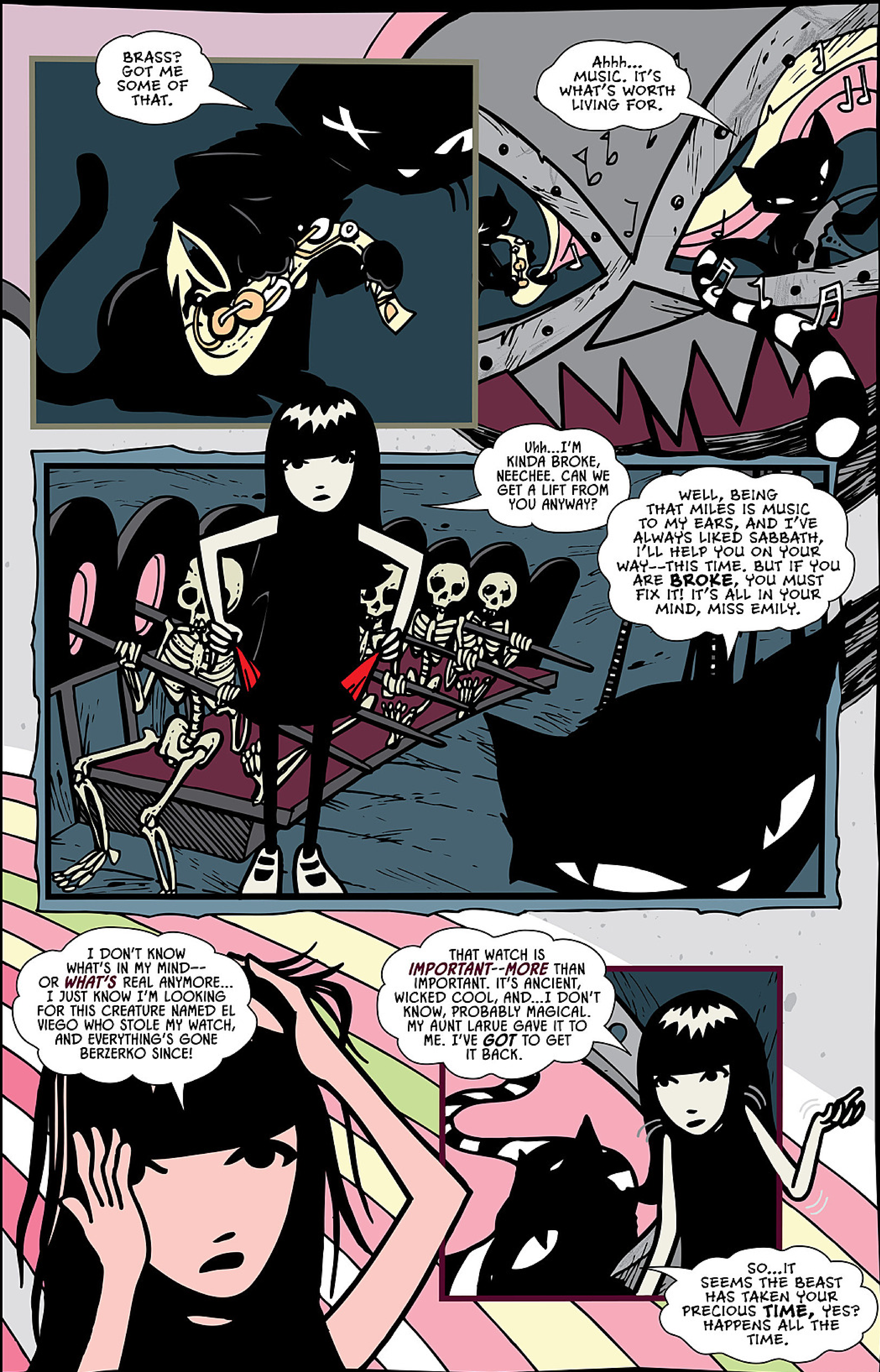
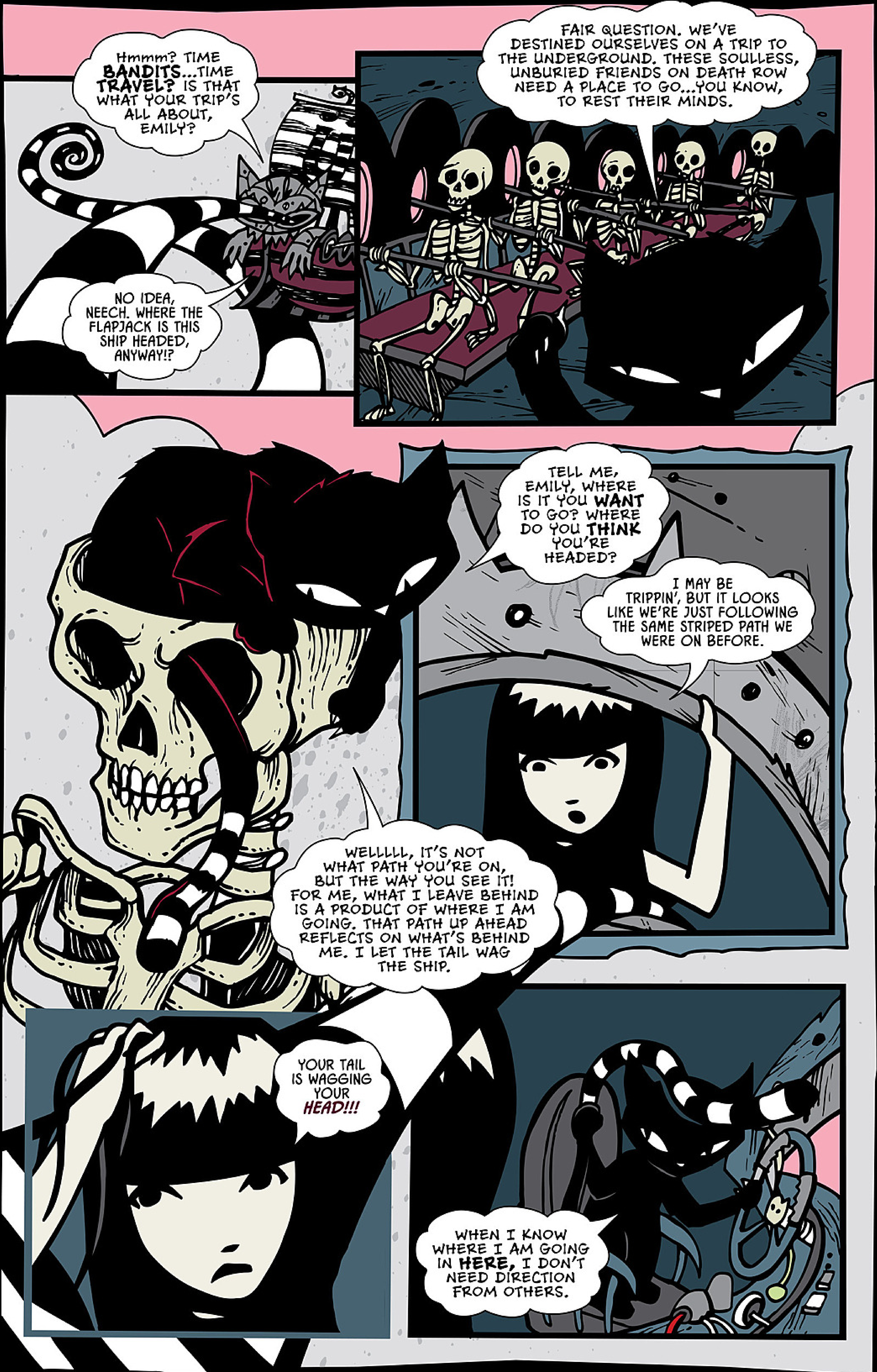
ARE YOU UGLY?
LIE DETECTOR


PART
TWO

PRRRRRRRRR
ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS? WE REALLY GOTTA FIND THAT FARGWARTING EL VIEGO AND GET MY WATCH BACK!!
LISTEN UP, GIRL! THIS CAT HAS A WAY OF HIS OWN...THE WAY OF THE CAT. IF HE CAN'T FIGURE OUT WHAT'S HAPPENIN', AND WHAT TRIP TO TAKE US ON, NO ONE CAN.


DUUUDE!
WROUUUW
SLAM
WHOA! THIS IS ONE BAD SHIP. SUITS ME JUST RIGHT! I THINK WE'RE IN FOR A WICKED RIDE...
CHECK YOUR HEAD, THIS CAT'S FOR REAL.
SWEET!
Forward Thrusters.
Reverse Ignition.
Tiny Controls for Tiny Movements.
Sticky Paw Steering Wheel.
Double Brake Pedals.
Meow Horn.
Mental Accelerator Pedal.
Armatron Grip for Rudder.
Leaky Clutch Fluid.
InterCATcom to Engine Room.
Fuse Box.
USB Ports.
Interstellar Overdrive Interface.
HEY THERE. NAME'S EMILY. THANKS FOR PICKING US UP. WE'RE--
GREETINGS. ENTER NEECHEE'S UBERCAT, AND YOUR FUTURE WILL CREATE THE WAY. BE ALL YOU CAN'T BE AND SEE FOR YOURSELF. WE ONLY GO WHERE YOUR WILL WILL SHOW. YOU KNOW? WHERE ARE YOU HEADED TODAY, ANYWAY?
I'M NOT SURE WHERE I'M GOING. ANY CHANCE YOU CAN TAKE ME TO EL VIEGO?
GAS, BRASS, OR PASS, NO ONE RIDES FOR FREE.
I SEE...YOU'VE LOST YOUR WAY. PASSAGE ON THIS SHIP IS NOT FREE. THERE IS A FEE, AND YOU ARE FREE... TO PAY IT. WHAT WILL YOU PLAY TO PAY?


BRASS? GOT ME SOME OF THAT.
Ahhh... MUSIC. IT'S WHAT'S WORTH LIVING FOR.
Uhh...I'M KINDA BROKE, NEECHEE. CAN WE GET A LIFT FROM YOU ANYWAY?
WELL, BEING THAT MILES IS MUSIC TO MY EARS, AND I'VE ALWAYS LIKED SABBATH, I'LL HELP YOU ON YOUR WAY--THIS TIME. BUT IF YOU ARE **BROKE**, YOU MUST FIX IT! IT'S ALL IN YOUR MIND, MISS EMILY.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S IN MY MIND--OR *WHAT'S* REAL ANYMORE... I JUST KNOW I'M LOOKING FOR THIS CREATURE NAMED EL VIEGO WHO STOLE MY WATCH, AND EVERYTHING'S GONE BERZERKO SINCE!
THAT WATCH IS *IMPORTANT*--*MORE* THAN IMPORTANT. IT'S ANCIENT, WICKED COOL, AND...I DON'T KNOW, PROBABLY MAGICAL. MY AUNT LARUE GAVE IT TO ME. I'VE *GOT* TO GET IT BACK.
SO...IT SEEMS THE BEAST HAS TAKEN YOUR PRECIOUS **TIME**, YES? HAPPENS ALL THE TIME.


Hmmm? TIME BANDITS...TIME TRAVEL? IS THAT WHAT YOUR TRIP'S ALL ABOUT, EMILY?
NO IDEA, NEECH. WHERE THE FLAPJACK IS THIS SHIP HEADED, ANYWAY!?
FAIR QUESTION. WE'VE DESTINED OURSELVES ON A TRIP TO THE UNDERGROUND. THESE SOULLESS, UNBURIED FRIENDS ON DEATH ROW NEED A PLACE TO GO...YOU KNOW, TO REST THEIR MINDS.
TELL ME, EMILY, WHERE IS IT YOU WANT TO GO? WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE HEADED?
I MAY BE TRIPPIN', BUT IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE JUST FOLLOWING THE SAME STRIPED PATH WE WERE ON BEFORE.
WELLLLL, IT'S NOT WHAT PATH YOU'RE ON, BUT THE WAY YOU SEE IT! FOR ME, WHAT I LEAVE BEHIND IS A PRODUCT OF WHERE I AM GOING. THAT PATH UP AHEAD REFLECTS ON WHAT'S BEHIND ME. I LET THE TAIL WAG THE SHIP.
YOUR TAIL IS WAGGING YOUR HEAD!!!
WHEN I KNOW WHERE I AM GOING IN HERE, I DON'T NEED DIRECTION FROM OTHERS.

THE UBERCAT RUNS ON MY IMAGINATION. TOTALLY MIND CONTROLLED. I THINK IT'S TIME YOU MADE UP YOUR OWN MIND. DO IT YOURSELF!
I HAVE MY WAY, AND YOU YOURS. NEITHER IS THE RIGHT WAY, THE CORRECT WAY, OR THE ONLY WAY.
IT ALL SEEMS OUT OF THE WAY, IF WE AREN'T GETTING ANY CLOSER TO GETTING MY WATCH BACK.
DO WHATEVER YOU WILL, BUT FIRST BE SURE YOU ARE ABLE TO WILL.
Ohhh... kayyyy. BUT WILL YOU HELP ME?
HELP YOURSELF.
Sigh
WILL YOU HELP ME, MAGIC 8-BALL?
WILL I EVER GET MY WATCH BACK?
IT WILL TAKE TIME.
WILL I EVER GET OUTTA HERE AND BACK HOME?
THE ANSWER WILL BE FOUND INSIDE YOU.
CORRECT. UNTIL YOU CAN GO INSIDE YOURSELF AND EXAMINE WHAT YOUR PURPOSE IS, WE AREN'T GOING ANYWHERE. AND THAT'S EXACTLY WHERE WE'RE GOING NOW! TO THE INSIDE PASSAGE...GUTS GULCH! RIGHT THIS WAY...
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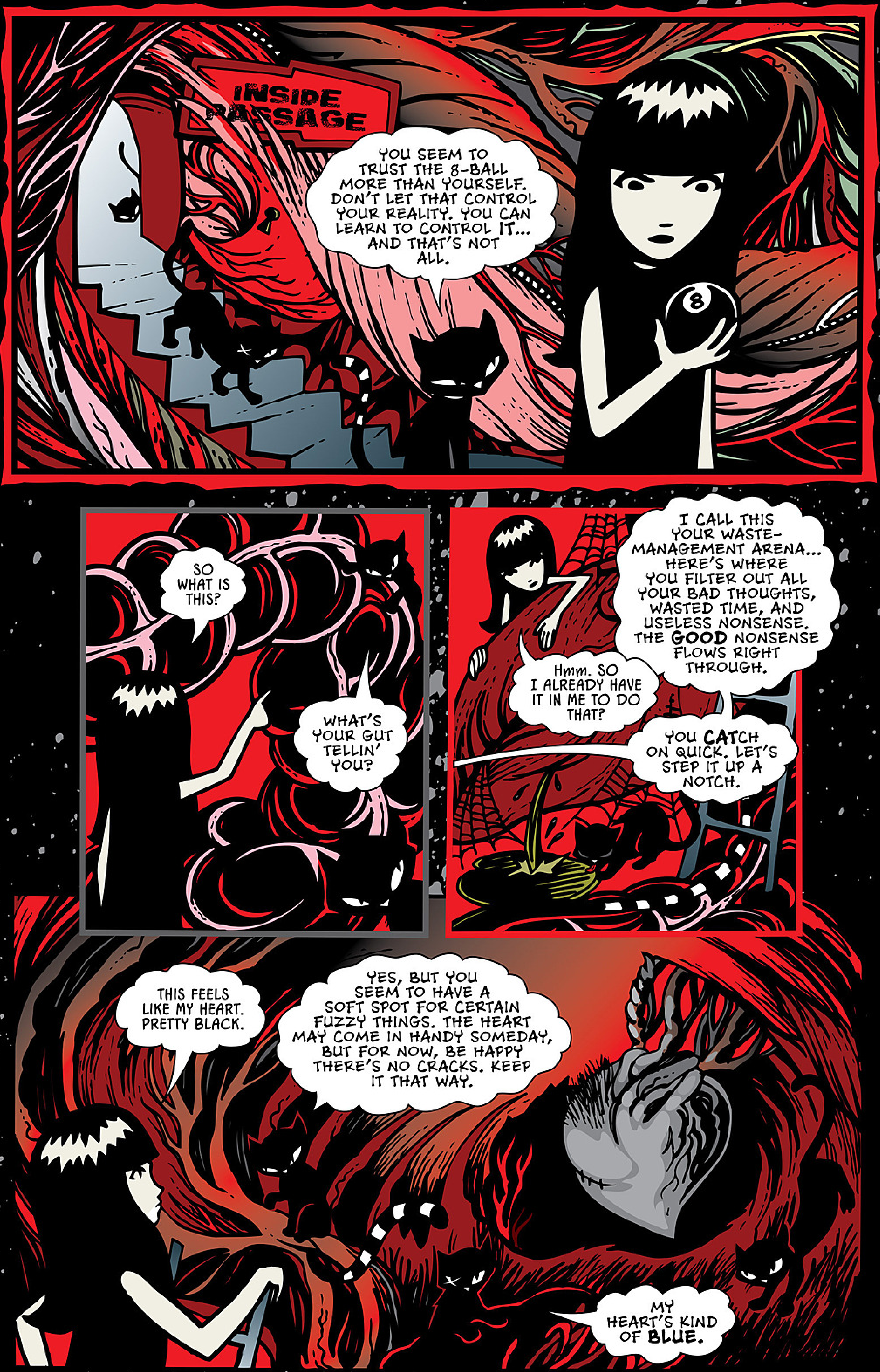
Emerge and See Exit


INSIDE PASSAGE
YOU SEEM TO TRUST THE 8-BALL MORE THAN YOURSELF. DON'T LET THAT CONTROL YOUR REALITY. YOU CAN LEARN TO CONTROL IT... AND THAT'S NOT ALL.
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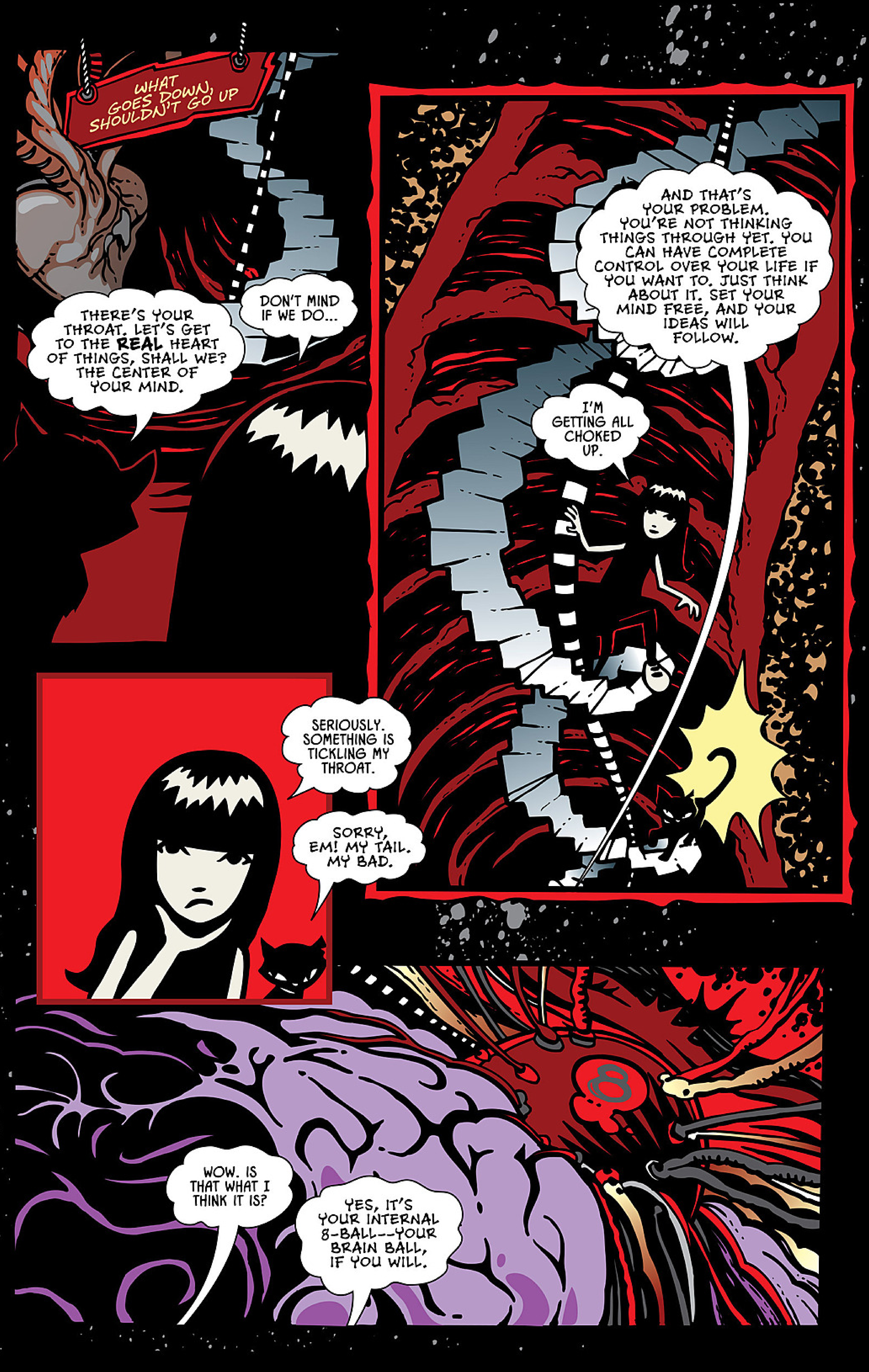
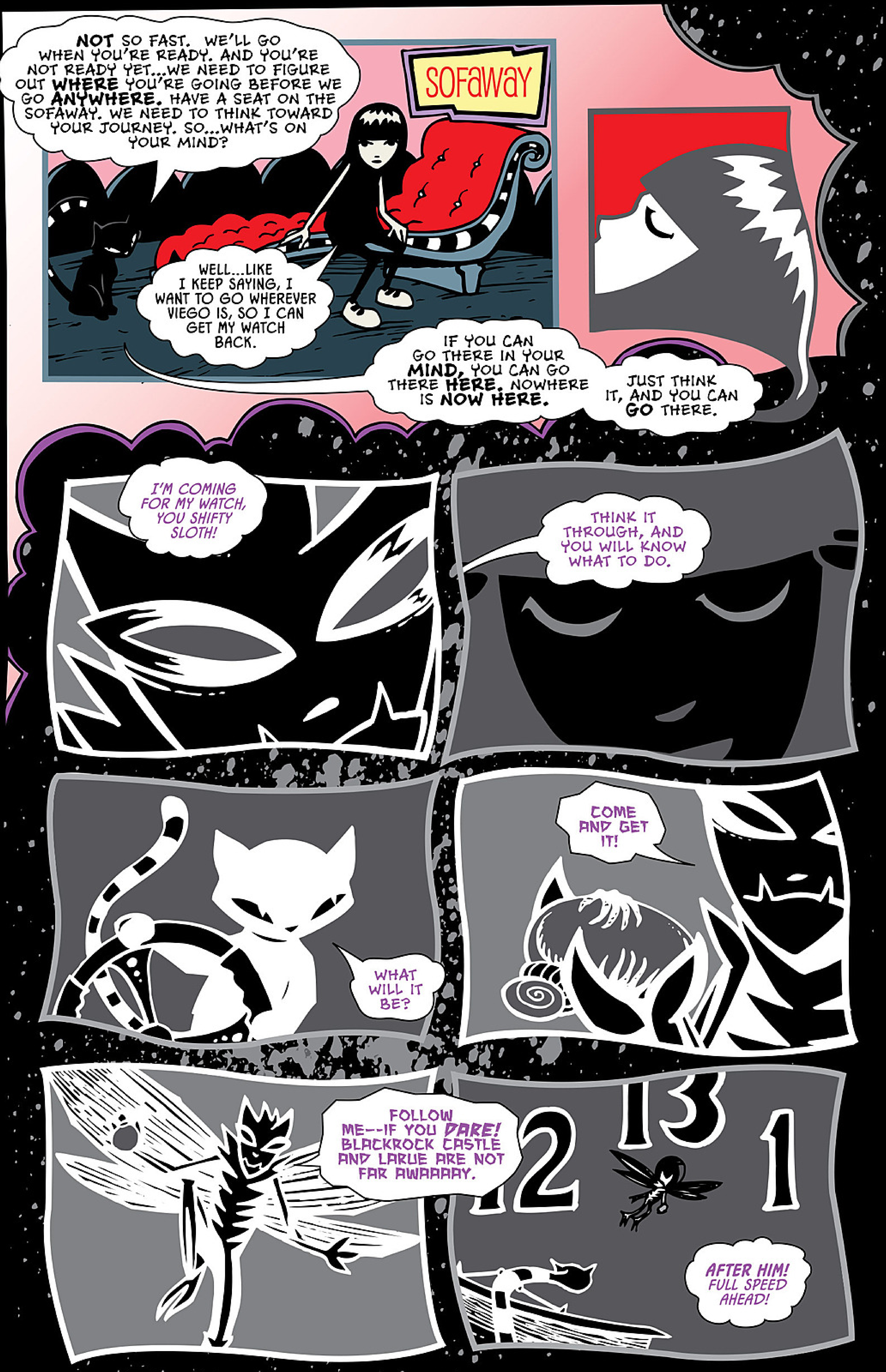
SO WHAT IS THIS?
WHAT'S YOUR GUT TELLIN' YOU?
I CALL THIS YOUR WASTE-MANAGEMENT ARENA... HERE'S WHERE YOU FILTER OUT ALL YOUR BAD THOUGHTS, WASTED TIME, AND USELESS NONSENSE. THE GOOD NONSENSE FLOWS RIGHT THROUGH.
Hmm. SO I ALREADY HAVE IT IN ME TO DO THAT?
YOU CATCH ON QUICK. LET'S STEP IT UP A NOTCH.
THIS FEELS LIKE MY HEART. PRETTY BLACK.
YES, BUT YOU SEEM TO HAVE A SOFT SPOT FOR CERTAIN FUZZY THINGS. THE HEART MAY COME IN HANDY SOMEDAY, BUT FOR NOW, BE HAPPY THERE'S NO CRACKS. KEEP IT THAT WAY.
MY HEART'S KIND OF BLUE.


WHAT GOES DOWN, SHOULDN'T GO UP
THERE'S YOUR THROAT. LET'S GET TO THE REAL HEART OF THINGS, SHALL WE? THE CENTER OF YOUR MIND.
DON'T MIND IF WE DO...
AND THAT'S YOUR PROBLEM. YOU'RE NOT THINKING THINGS THROUGH YET. YOU CAN HAVE COMPLETE CONTROL OVER YOUR LIFE IF YOU WANT TO. JUST THINK ABOUT IT. SET YOUR MIND FREE, AND YOUR IDEAS WILL FOLLOW.
I'M GETTING ALL CHOKED UP.
SERIOUSLY. SOMETHING IS TICKLING MY THROAT.
SORRY, EM! MY TAIL. MY BAD.
WOW. IS THAT WHAT I THINK IT IS?
YES, IT'S YOUR INTERNAL 8-BALL--YOUR BRAIN BALL, IF YOU WILL.

HOW DO I UPGRADE TO OPTIMAL POWER?
MEOW.
ASK THE TOASTER.
REAL U.
NO!
TIME WILL TELL.
LOOKS LIKE ALL THE ANSWERS ARE ALREADY INSIDE YOU.
I AM YOU.
COOL! THERE'S MY BORETEX FILTER.
Cerebral Boretex Filter
IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S DOING A FINE JOB OF KEEPING YOUR LIFE INTERESTING... NO PROBLEM THERE.
Idea Generator
Bad
Good
THIS LOOKS BAD.
IT TAKES A LOT OF BAD IDEAS TO GET A GOOD ONE.
BAD MEANING GOOD?
BAD IDEAS AND GOOD IDEAS CAN WORK TOGETHER, BUT YOURS ARE IN A TANGLE.
HOW DO I FIX THAT? IS THERE A MANUAL?
ZZZZZ
UNFORTUNATELY, YES. THE MANUAL IS THE SUREST WAY TO CORRUPT A MIND--WITH WHAT EVERYONE ELSE ALREADY KNOWS. BY MAKING YOUR OWN RULES, YOU UNLOCK YOUR DREAMS.

IMAGINE THIS--YOU CAN GO WHEREVER YOU WANT TO GO. THINK IT, AND YOU CAN DO IT.
I THINK I HAVE THE FACTS I NEED NOW. LET'S GO!
Dreamscape Odometer
FULL
FACTS?! THERE ARE NO FACTS, EMILY, ONLY INTERPRETATIONS.
YOU MUST USE YOUR MIND OR LOSE YOUR MIND.
I'M THINKING... LET'S GET THIS TRIP BACK ON TRACK AND LEAVE THE MIND FIELDS. BACK TO THE UBERCAT. WE HAVE A WATCH TO FIND AND NO TIME TO WASTE!
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE, LICKKITTY SPLIT!
WHY SO QUIET EMILY? TONGUE, GOT YOUR CAT?
MAN, YOU GUYS GOTTA STOP THAT TALKING IN TONGUES!
TONGUE TWISTER


SOFAWAY
NOT SO FAST. WE'LL GO WHEN YOU'RE READY. AND YOU'RE NOT READY YET...WE NEED TO FIGURE OUT WHERE YOU'RE GOING BEFORE WE GO ANYWHERE. HAVE A SEAT ON THE SOFAWAY. WE NEED TO THINK TOWARD YOUR JOURNEY. SO...WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?
WELL...LIKE I KEEP SAYING, I WANT TO GO WHEREVER VIEGO IS, SO I CAN GET MY WATCH BACK.
IF YOU CAN GO THERE IN YOUR MIND, YOU CAN GO THERE HERE. NOWHERE IS NOW HERE.
JUST THINK IT, AND YOU CAN GO THERE.
I'M COMING FOR MY WATCH, YOU SHIFTY SLOTH!
THINK IT THROUGH, AND YOU WILL KNOW WHAT TO DO.
WHAT WILL IT BE?
COME AND GET IT!
FOLLOW ME--IF YOU DARE! BLACKROCK CASTLE AND LARUE ARE NOT FAR AWAAAAAY.
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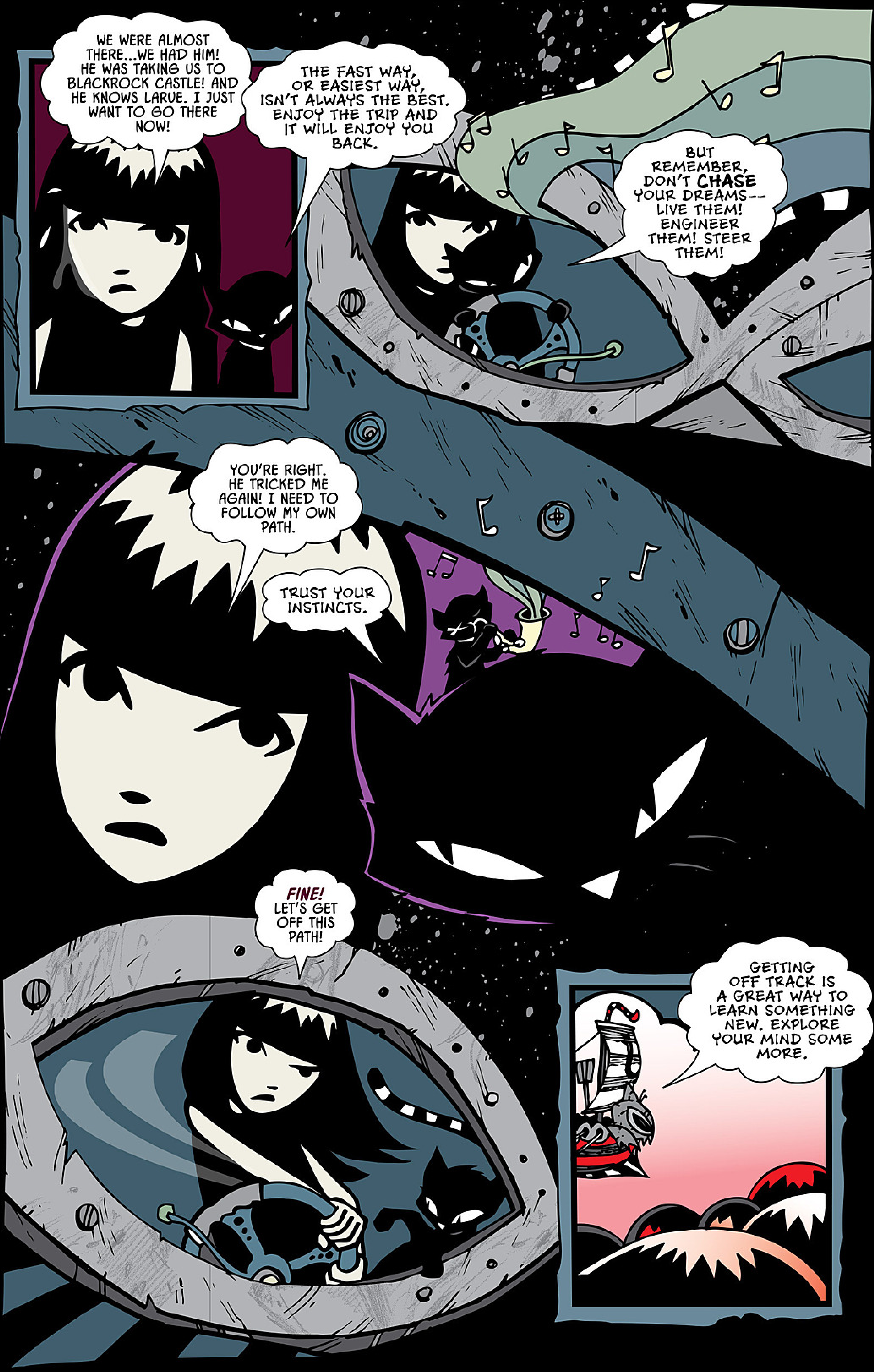
AFTER HIM! FULL SPEED AHEAD!

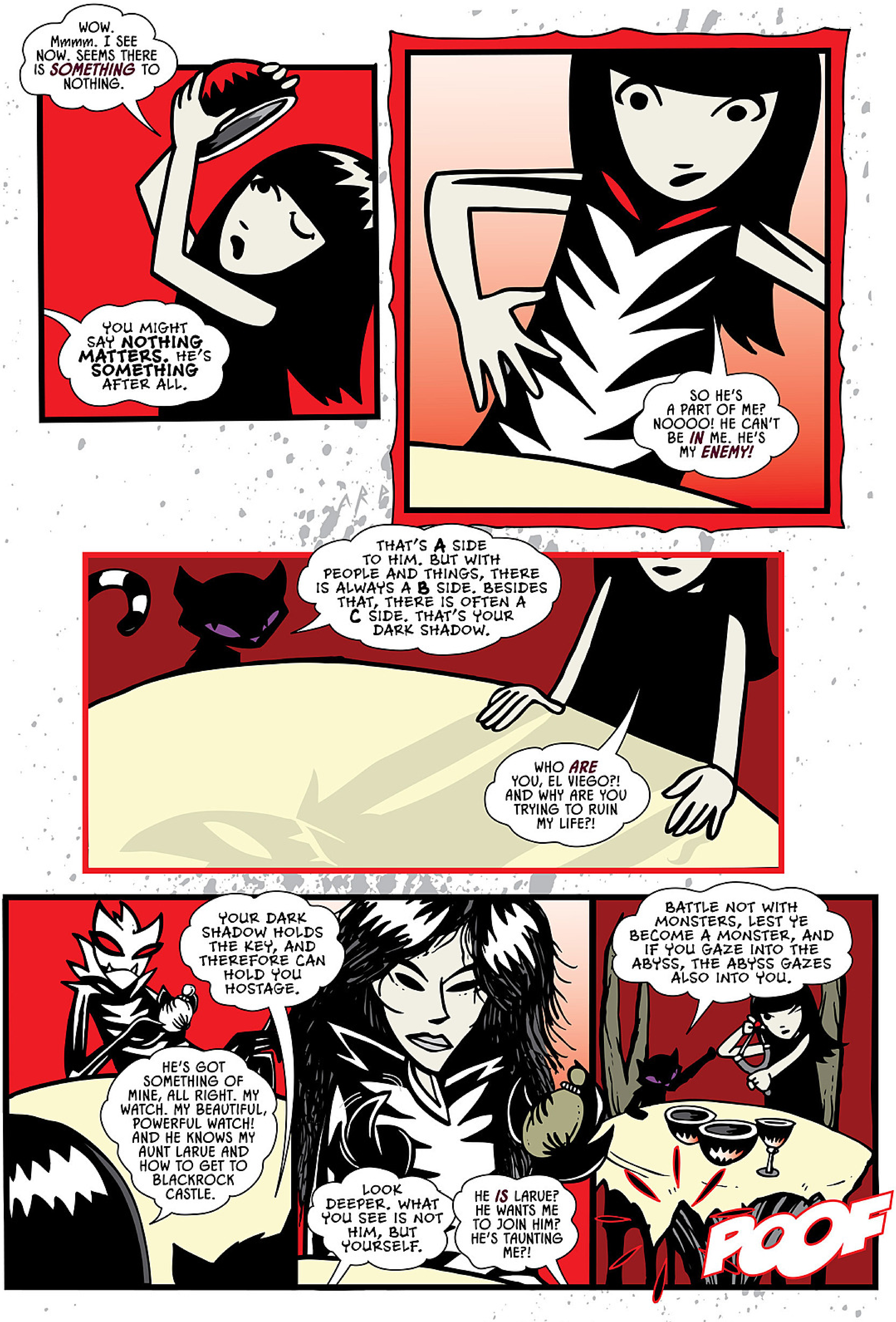
ALMOST THERE! SOON, LARUE'S LEGEND OF BLACKROCK WILL BE FULFILLED!
THE WATCH... AUNT LARUE... BLACKROCK CASTLE... ALL WITHIN MY REACH!
DON'T BELIEVE IN HIS JIVE-TALKING COSMIC DEBRIS, EMILY.
THIS IS MY TRIP! JIVE TALK OR NOT, HE KNOWS ABOUT BLACKROCK!
DUDE, I THINK HE'S FULL OF IT!
A LIAR TELLS TALL STORIES TO FOOLS; IT'S THE VISIONARY WHO TELLS THEM TO HIMSELF.
DON'T GET SIDE-TRACKED, EMILY! WE'RE JUST AROUND THE CORNER NOW. AND YOUR TREASURES AWAIT YOU THERE!
TO HAVE VISION, YOU NEED TO INVENT REALITY.
TO INVENT REALITY YOU NEED TO LET GO OF WHAT IS. DON'T TAKE THE EASY WAY OUT.


WE WERE ALMOST THERE...WE HAD HIM! HE WAS TAKING US TO BLACKROCK CASTLE! AND HE KNOWS LARUE. I JUST WANT TO GO THERE NOW!
THE FAST WAY, OR EASIEST WAY, ISN'T ALWAYS THE BEST. ENJOY THE TRIP AND IT WILL ENJOY YOU BACK.
BUT REMEMBER, DON'T **CHASE** YOUR DREAMS-- LIVE THEM! ENGINEER THEM! STEER THEM!
YOU'RE RIGHT. HE TRICKED ME AGAIN! I NEED TO FOLLOW MY OWN PATH.
TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS.
FINE! LET'S GET OFF THIS PATH!
GETTING OFF TRACK IS A GREAT WAY TO LEARN SOMETHING NEW. EXPLORE YOUR MIND SOME MORE.

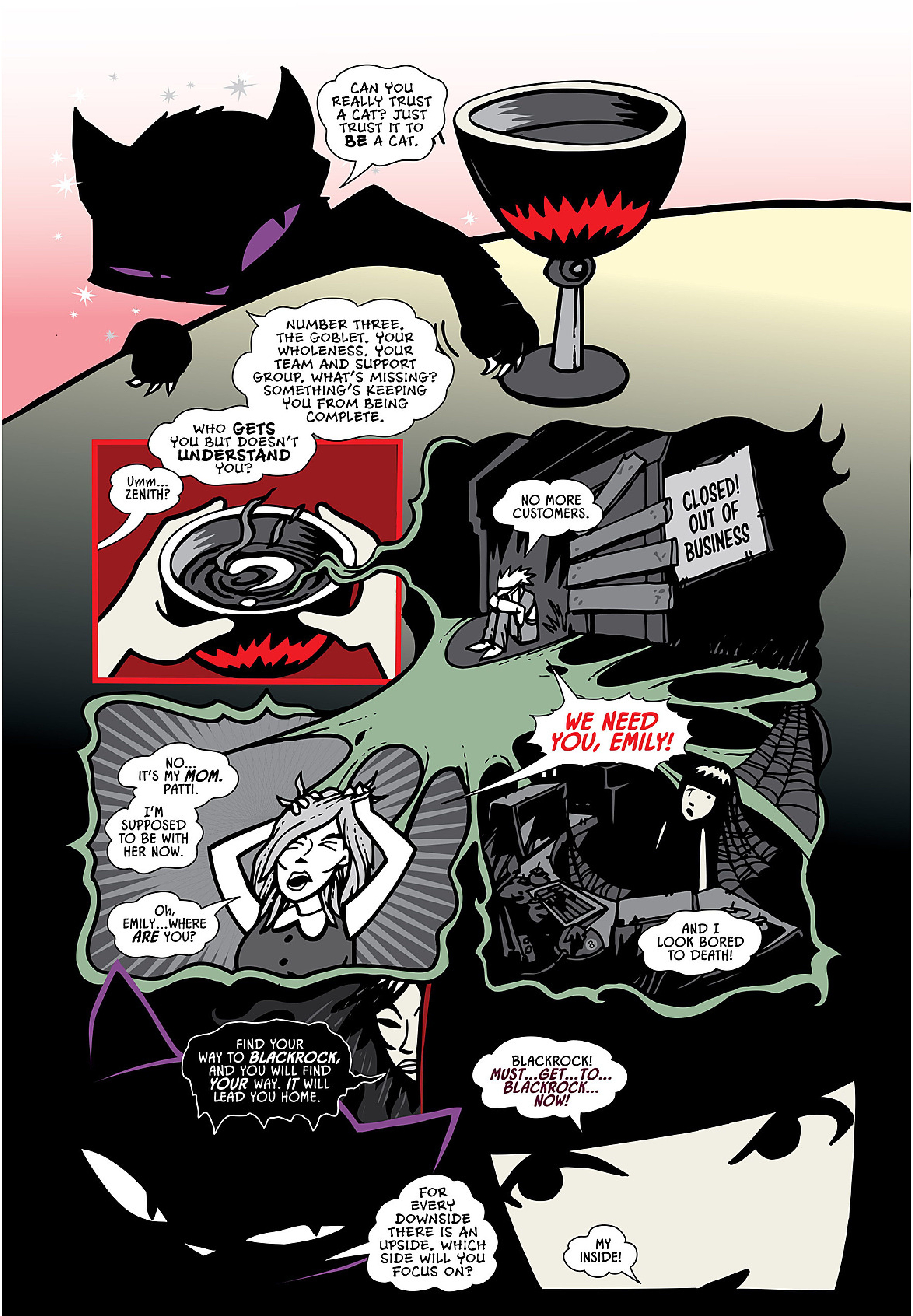
FULL SPEED AHEAD!
the headlands
BONK
GLOBFARKS! MY HEAD IS THROBBING!
MAYBE IT'S JUST HUNGRY...

NOW IT'S TIME TO FEED YOUR HEAD, EMILY. EXPAND YOUR MIND WITH SOME HIGHER EDUCATION.
WHERE ARE WE HEADED?
YOUR TRIP NEEDS SOME FUEL FOR YOUR IMAGINATION.
WHAT A WORKOUT... I'M THIRSTY!

NOT SO FAST. FIRST, LET'S GET YOUR HEAD STRAIGHT.
HOW'S THAT?
THESE THREE BOWLS WILL FEED YOUR HEAD AND ASSIST IN ANSWERING YOUR MOST MINDFUL QUESTIONS. BEWARE--TOO MUCH IS NOT ENOUGH, AND JUST ENOUGH WILL HELP YOU **SEE** WHAT YOU NEED TO **BE.**
THE BOWL BEFORE YOU REPRESENTS YOUR DARK SHADOW. SOME CALL IT YOUR ENEMY. I SAY IT'S YOUR "EM-I-**LIE.**" IT'S ALWAYS IN YOU, FOR WHAT YOU FOLLOW FOLLOWS YOU. IRRITATION IT CAN BRING, SO FIND YOUR WAY TO LET IT SING.
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
THERE'S NOTHING IN HERE ANYMORE.
THERE'S NOTHING TO EAT.
YOU'VE NEVER TASTED A BIT OF NOTHING BEFORE?
THEN EAT IT.


WOW. Mmmm. I SEE NOW. SEEMS THERE IS SOMETHING TO NOTHING.
YOU MIGHT SAY NOTHING MATTERS. HE'S SOMETHING AFTER ALL.
SO HE'S A PART OF ME? NOOOO! HE CAN'T BE IN ME. HE'S MY ENEMY!
THAT'S A SIDE TO HIM. BUT WITH PEOPLE AND THINGS, THERE IS ALWAYS A B SIDE. BESIDES THAT, THERE IS OFTEN A C SIDE. THAT'S YOUR DARK SHADOW.
WHO ARE YOU, EL VIEGO?! AND WHY ARE YOU TRYING TO RUIN MY LIFE?!
YOUR DARK SHADOW HOLDS THE KEY, AND THEREFORE CAN HOLD YOU HOSTAGE.
HE'S GOT SOMETHING OF MINE, ALL RIGHT. MY WATCH. MY BEAUTIFUL, POWERFUL WATCH! AND HE KNOWS MY AUNT LARUE AND HOW TO GET TO BLACKROCK CASTLE.
LOOK DEEPER. WHAT YOU SEE IS NOT HIM, BUT YOURSELF.
HE IS LARUE? HE WANTS ME TO JOIN HIM? HE'S TAUNTING ME?!
BATTLE NOT WITH MONSTERS, LEST YE BECOME A MONSTER, AND IF YOU GAZE INTO THE ABYSS, THE ABYSS GAZES ALSO INTO YOU.
POOF

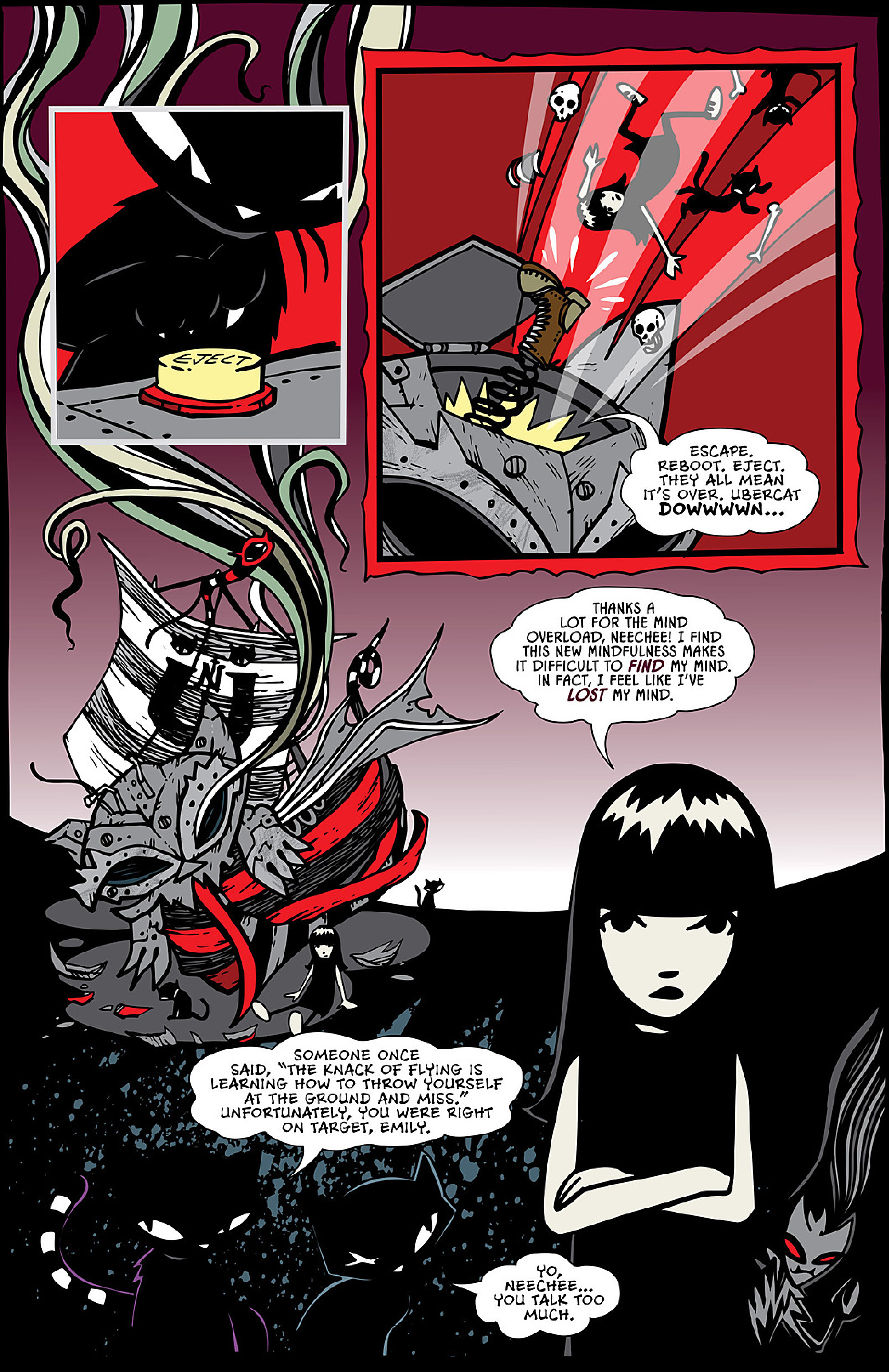
IT'S TIME FOR THE SECOND BOWL. THE HEAD STRONG. EL CAPITAN. YOUR PURPOSE AND LEADER.
I SEE LARUE. SHE GAVE ME THE WATCH. AND THAT'S WHAT STARTED ALL OF THIS MADNESS.
ASK HER A QUESTION. HEAR WHAT YOU SEE.
AUNT LARUE, WHAT IS THE LEGEND OF BLACKROCK? IS ALL OF THIS SUPPOSED TO BE HAPPENING TO ME? ARE YOU TRYING TO TRICK ME, OR TEACH ME SOMETHING?
I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE.
LARUE = REAL U.
WHO? WHY?
I'VE ALWAYS BEEN WITH YOU.
WHERE? WHO?
YOU'RE ON THE RIGHT JOURNEY. BUT LEADING WITH THE WRONG FOOT.
TIME'S UP.
WHAT? Huh? WHERE'D YOU GO?... ARGH!!!

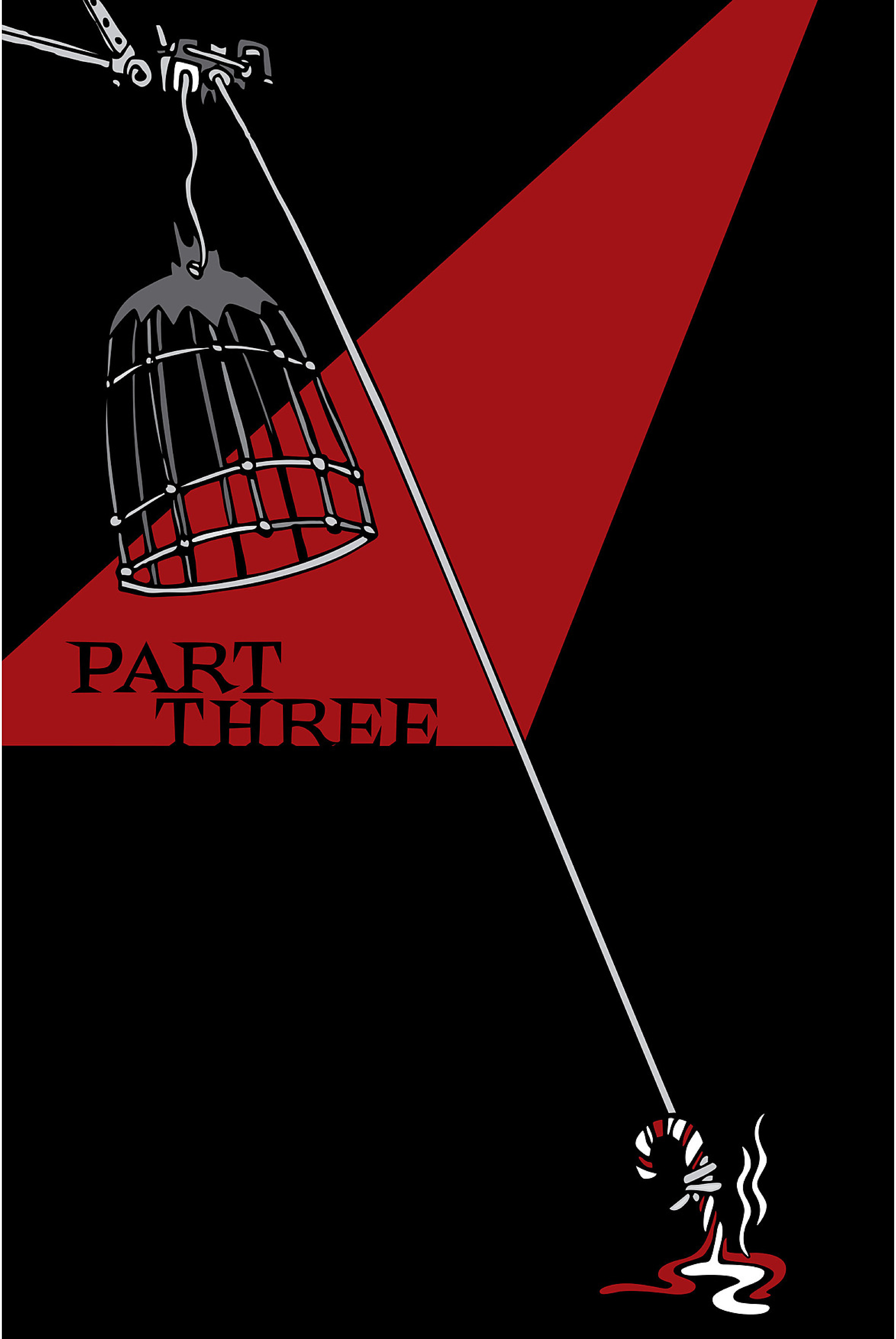

CAN YOU REALLY TRUST A CAT? JUST TRUST IT TO BE A CAT.
NUMBER THREE. THE GOBLET. YOUR WHOLENESS. YOUR TEAM AND SUPPORT GROUP. WHAT'S MISSING? SOMETHING'S KEEPING YOU FROM BEING COMPLETE.
WHO GETS YOU BUT DOESN'T UNDERSTAND YOU?
Umm... ZENITH?
NO MORE CUSTOMERS.
CLOSED! OUT OF BUSINESS
WE NEED YOU, EMILY!
NO... IT'S MY MOM. PATTI.
I'M SUPPOSED TO BE WITH HER NOW.
Oh, EMILY...WHERE ARE YOU?
AND I LOOK BORED TO DEATH!
FIND YOUR WAY TO BLACKROCK, AND YOU WILL FIND YOUR WAY. IT WILL LEAD YOU HOME.
BLACKROCK! MUST...GET...TO... BLACKROCK... NOW!
FOR EVERY DOWNSIDE THERE IS AN UPSIDE. WHICH SIDE WILL YOU FOCUS ON?
MY INSIDE!

I'M READY TO FLY THE SHIP.
I'M BRINGING MY LOVED ONES WITH ME!
HE WHO WOULD LEARN TO FLY ONE DAY MUST FIRST LEARN TO STAND AND WALK...AND RUN AND CLIMB AND DANCE. ONE CANNOT FLY INTO FLYING, EMILY.
SUPERFLY! MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE HERE TO HELP ME ON MY WAY TO BLACKROCK!

LISTEN UP, GIRL!
LISTEN TO YOURSELF.
LET OTHERS HELP.
GO YOUR OWN WAY!
DO IT YOURSELF!
STAY ON TRACK.
HELP YOURSELF!
COVER YOUR TRACKS.
SEE FOR YOURSELF.
YOU'VE LOST YOUR WAY.
HELP YOURSELF.
MAKE YOUR OWN RULES.
FEED YOUR HEAD.
THINK THINGS THROUGH.
UNLOCK YOUR DREAMS.
GET TO THE HEART OF THINGS.
SET YOUR MIND FREE.
USE YOUR MIND OR LOSE YOUR MIND.
TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS.
THINK IT, AND YOU CAN DO IT.
EXPLORE YOUR MIND SOME MORE.
LEARN SOMETHING NEW.
EXPAND YOUR MIND.
FUEL YOUR IMAGINATION.
BEWARE.
LEAD WITH THE WRONG FOOT.

CHECK YOUR HEAD.
FIND EL VIEGO.
FIND AUNT LARUE.
BE ALL YOU CAN'T BE.
FIND BLACKROCK.
FIND THE WATCH!
FIGURE OUT WHERE YOU'RE HEADED.
IT'S TIME YOU MADE UP YOUR OWN MIND.
PAY YOUR WAY.
DO WHATEVER YOU WILL.
IF YOU'RE BROKE, FIX IT!
TRUST YOUR FRIENDS.
LISTEN TO YOUR GUT.
GET INSIDE YOURSELF.
TRUST YOURSELF.
LISTEN TO YOUR HEART.
GET OFF TRACK.
GET A MOVE ON.
FIGURE OUT WHERE YOU'RE GOING.
DON'T TAKE THE EASY WAY OUT.
ENJOY THE TRIP.
DON'T GET SIDETRACKED!
FOLLOW YOUR OWN PATH.
COME AND GET IT.
FOLLOW ME!
LEARN TO FLY.
GET YOUR HEAD STRAIGHT!
HEAR WHAT YOU SEE.
BE VERY AWARE.


EJECT
ESCAPE. REBOOT. EJECT. THEY ALL MEAN IT'S OVER. UBERCAT DOWWWWN...
THANKS A LOT FOR THE MIND OVERLOAD, NEECHEE! I FIND THIS NEW MINDFULNESS MAKES IT DIFFICULT TO FIND MY MIND. IN FACT, I FEEL LIKE I'VE LOST MY MIND.
SOMEONE ONCE SAID, "THE KNACK OF FLYING IS LEARNING HOW TO THROW YOURSELF AT THE GROUND AND MISS." UNFORTUNATELY, YOU WERE RIGHT ON TARGET, EMILY.
YO, NEECHEE... YOU TALK TOO MUCH.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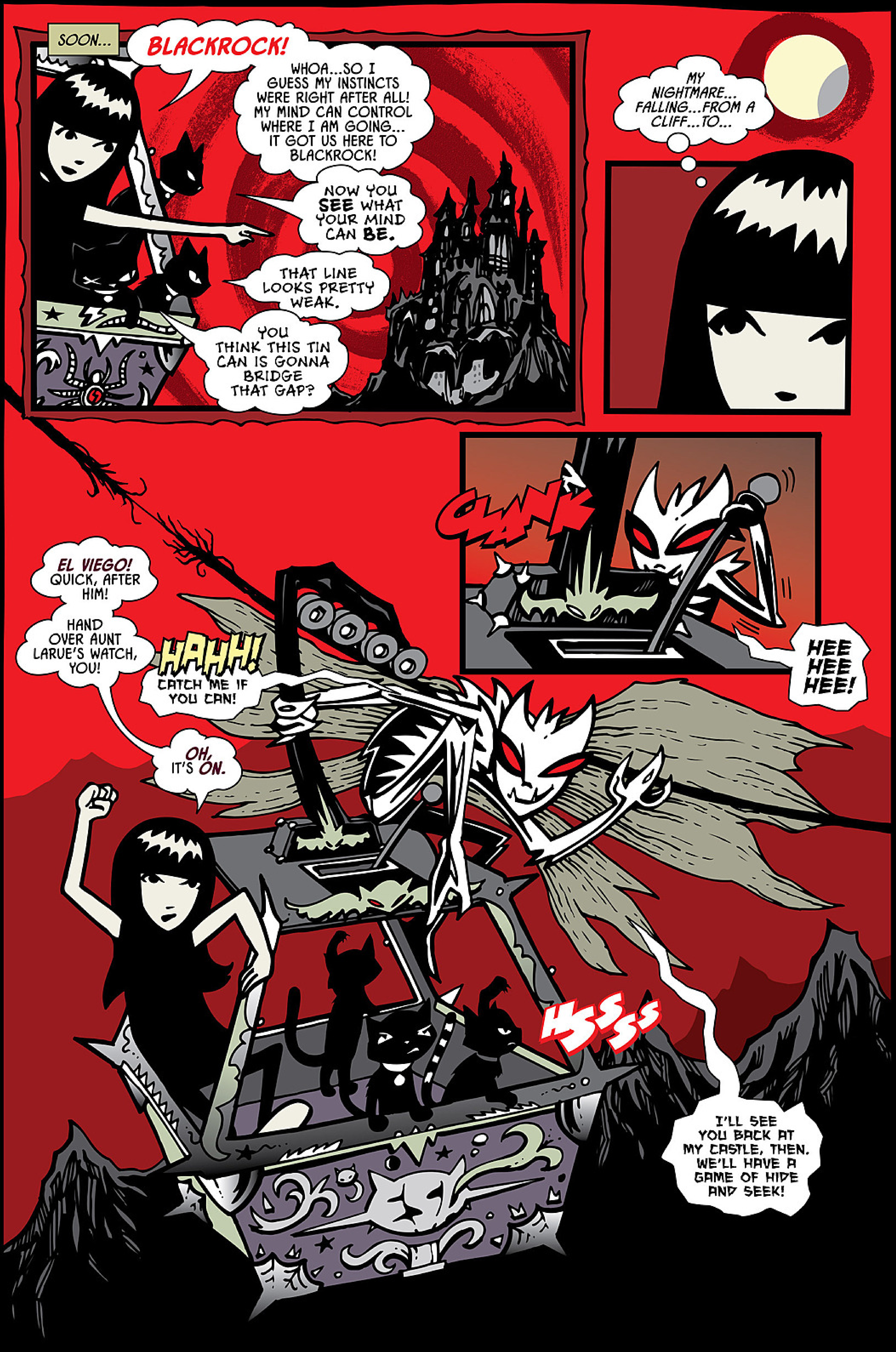
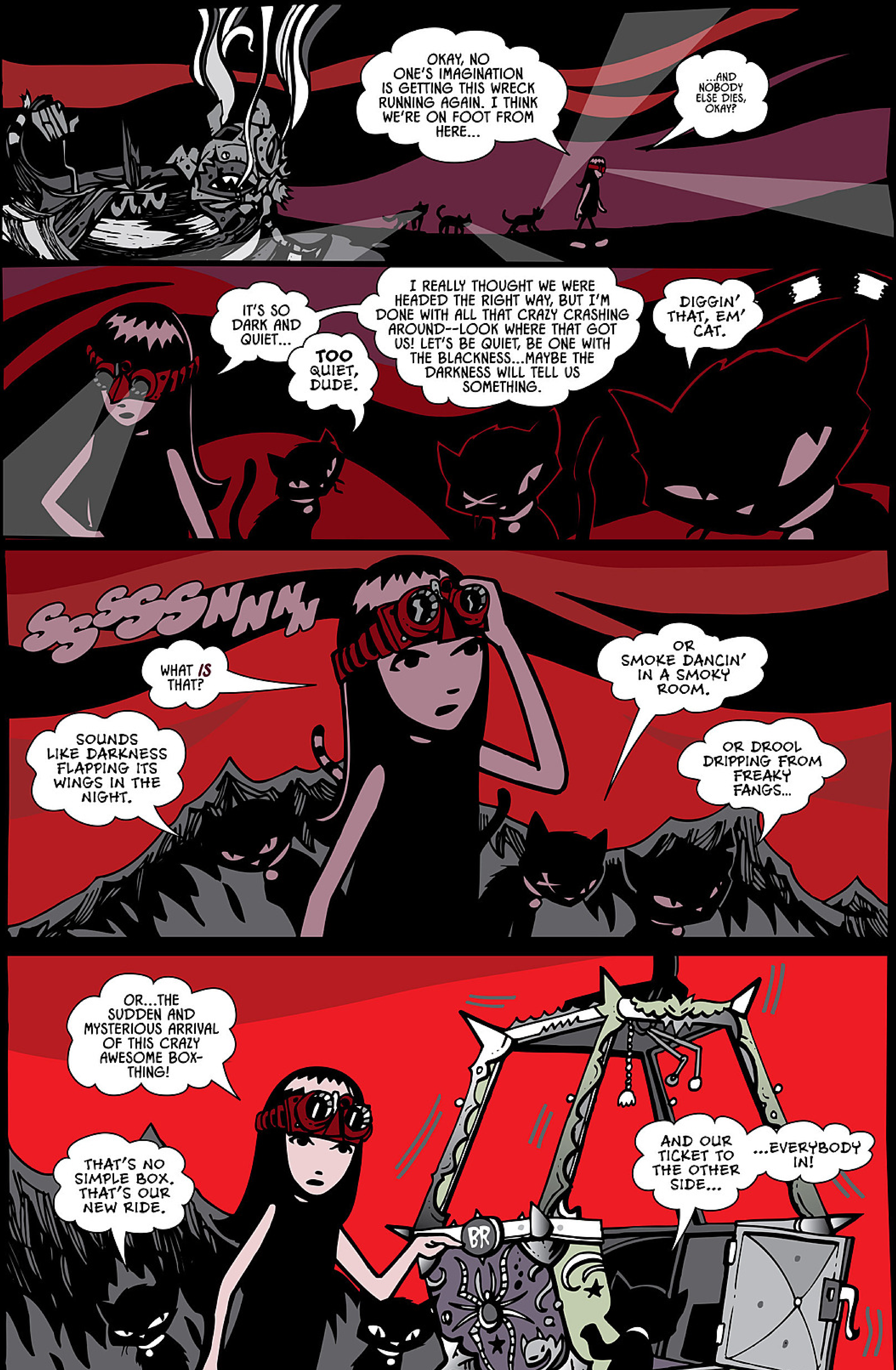
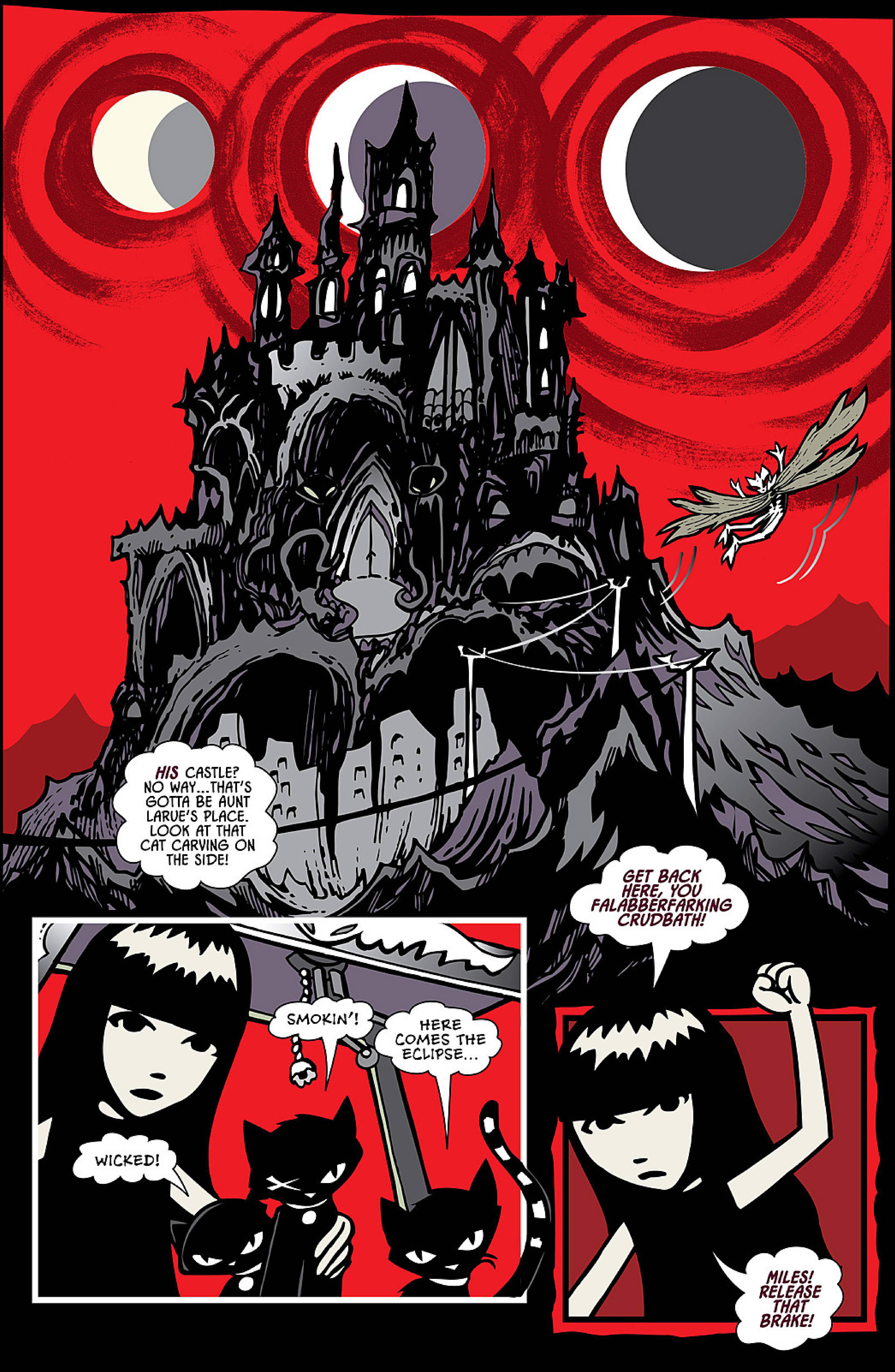
THE CAT'S OVER HERE, MAN... BUT HE'S GONE. WAY, WAY GONE.
WHAT??
NOOO! THIS IS ALL MY FAULT FOR MAKING US CRASH...
WAIT, HE'S NOT DEAD...
YOU'RE ONE LUCKY CAT, CAT. ONE DOWN, EIGHT TO GO.
meeowww!
THAT'S WEIRD. I WAS JUST BESIDE MYSELF WITH PAIN, AND NOW I'M...BESIDE MYSELF.
THANK CHEESES YOU'RE STILL WITH US! I THOUGHT FOR SURE YOU WERE A GONER!
ACTUALLY, HE WAS.
SO...WOW, CATS REALLY DO HAVE NINE LIVES? SO COOL! ALMOST LIKE LIVING FOREVER...

Whoaaaah. WHAT HAPPENED?
YOU OVERLOADED ON OTHER PEOPLE'S ADVICE.
AND NOW WE'RE SHIPWRECKED, COOL CATZ!
Hmm...GUESS I NEED TO CONSIDER MY DREAMS FOR REAL MORE OFTEN.
HEY...WHERE'S SABBATH? WHERE'S SABBATH!?!
SAAABBAATH!

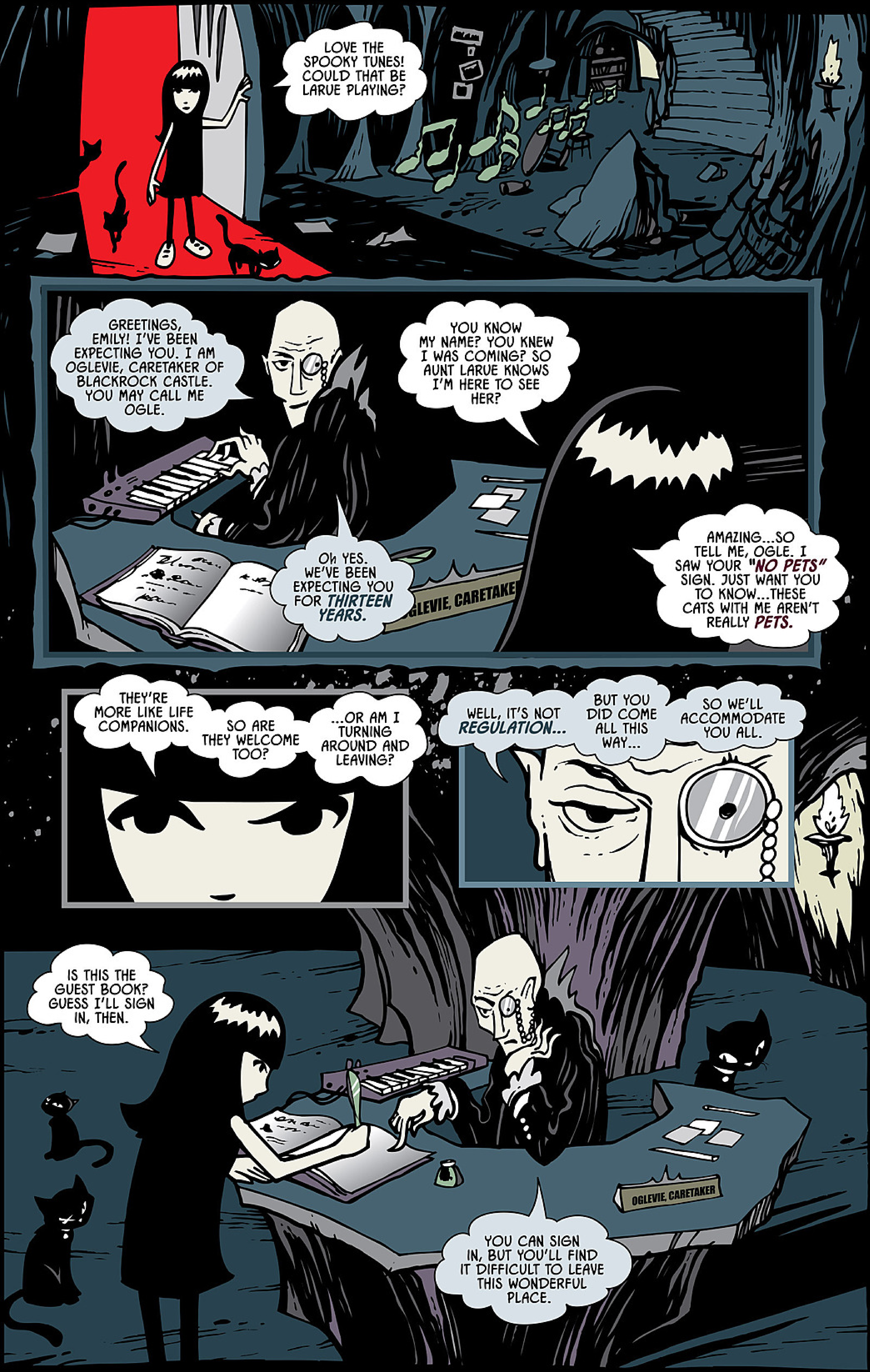

SOON...
BLACKROCK!
WHOA...SO I GUESS MY INSTINCTS WERE RIGHT AFTER ALL! MY MIND CAN CONTROL WHERE I AM GOING... IT GOT US HERE TO BLACKROCK!
NOW YOU SEE WHAT YOUR MIND CAN BE.
THAT LINE LOOKS PRETTY WEAK.
YOU THINK THIS TIN CAN IS GONNA BRIDGE THAT GAP?
MY NIGHTMARE... FALLING...FROM A CLIFF...TO...
CLANK
HEE HEE HEE!
EL VIEGO! QUICK, AFTER HIM!
HAND OVER AUNT LARUE'S WATCH, YOU!
HAHH! CATCH ME IF YOU CAN!
OH, IT'S ON.
HSSSS
I'LL SEE YOU BACK AT MY CASTLE, THEN. WE'LL HAVE A GAME OF HIDE AND SEEK!


OKAY, NO ONE'S IMAGINATION IS GETTING THIS WRECK RUNNING AGAIN. I THINK WE'RE ON FOOT FROM HERE...
...AND NOBODY ELSE DIES, OKAY?
IT'S SO DARK AND QUIET...
TOO QUIET, DUDE.
I REALLY THOUGHT WE WERE HEADED THE RIGHT WAY, BUT I'M DONE WITH ALL THAT CRAZY CRASHING AROUND--LOOK WHERE THAT GOT US! LET'S BE QUIET, BE ONE WITH THE BLACKNESS...MAYBE THE DARKNESS WILL TELL US SOMETHING.
DIGGIN' THAT, EM' CAT.
SSSSSNNNN
WHAT IS THAT?
SOUNDS LIKE DARKNESS FLAPPING ITS WINGS IN THE NIGHT.
OR SMOKE DANCIN' IN A SMOKY ROOM.
OR DROOL DRIPPING FROM FREAKY FANGS...
OR...THE SUDDEN AND MYSTERIOUS ARRIVAL OF THIS CRAZY AWESOME BOX-THING!
THAT'S NO SIMPLE BOX. THAT'S OUR NEW RIDE.
BR
AND OUR TICKET TO THE OTHER SIDE...
...EVERYBODY IN!



HIS CASTLE? NO WAY...THAT'S GOTTA BE AUNT LARUE'S PLACE. LOOK AT THAT CAT CARVING ON THE SIDE!
GET BACK HERE, YOU FALABBERFARKING CRUDBATH!
SMOKIN'!
HERE COMES THE ECLIPSE...
WICKED!
MILES! RELEASE THAT BRAKE!

WHERE'D THAT BEAST GO?!
Ehhh, FORGET THAT GUY, HE'S GONE NOW. LET'S JUST GET IN AND SEE AUNT LARUE! ALL RIGHT, EVERYONE, GROOM THOSE WHISKERS INTO PLACE! I WANT YOU LOOKING YOUR BEST!
NO PETS!
FZZZZ
BUSTED, DUDE!
ONLY THE SOUND OF SILENCE HERE.
Huh! SOME WELCOME WE'RE GETTING. AND WHAT'S ALL THIS ABOUT "NO PETS"?? THAT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE ANY RELATIVE OF MINE.
CLIK WHRRR CREEEK
YES! WE'RE IN!
WAY TO WAG THAT TAIL!



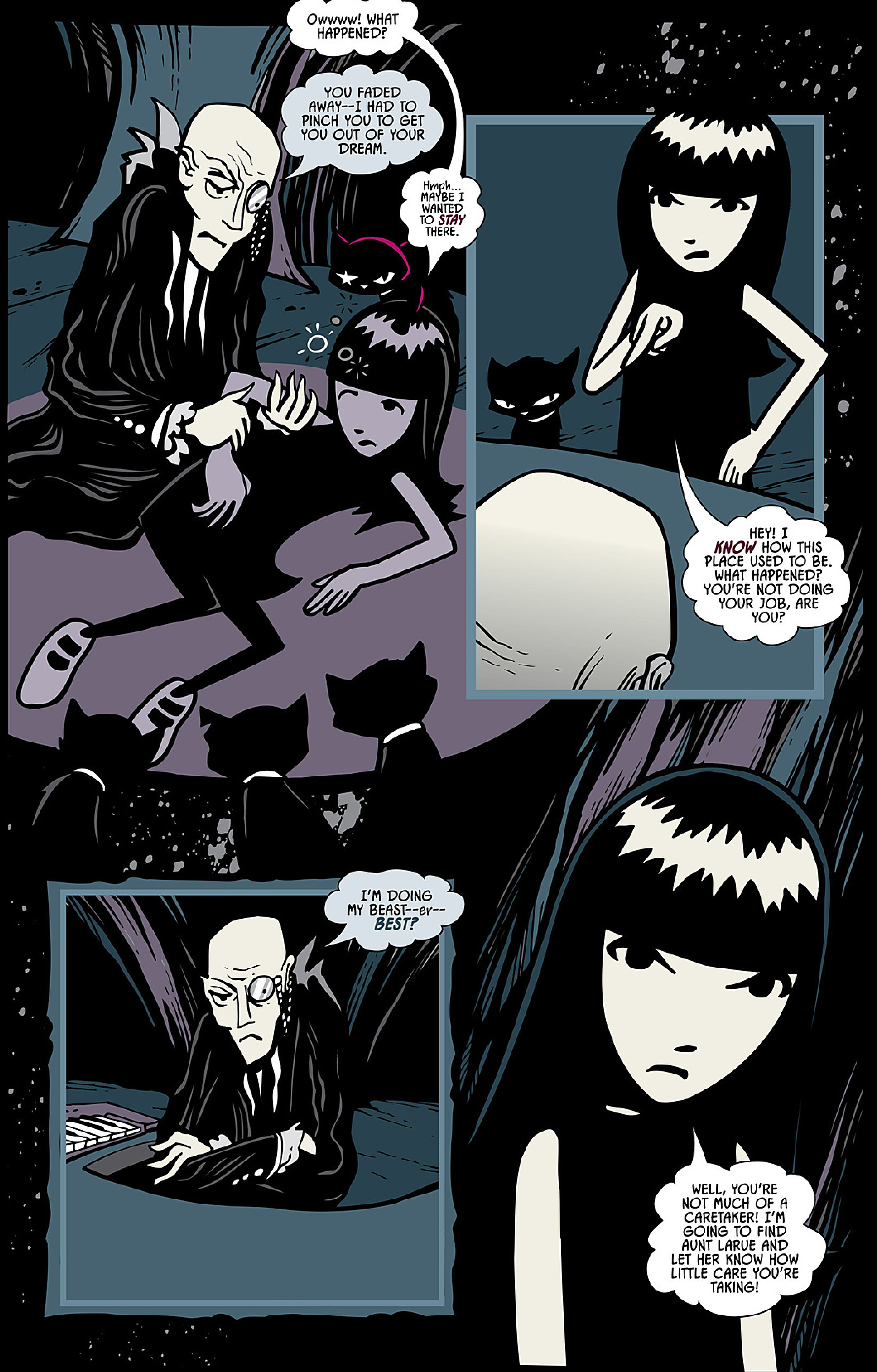
LOVE THE SPOOKY TUNES! COULD THAT BE LARUE PLAYING?
GREETINGS, EMILY! I'VE BEEN EXPECTING YOU. I AM OGLEVIE, CARETAKER OF BLACKROCK CASTLE. YOU MAY CALL ME OGLE.
YOU KNOW MY NAME? YOU KNEW I WAS COMING? SO AUNT LARUE KNOWS I'M HERE TO SEE HER?
Oh YES. WE'VE BEEN EXPECTING YOU FOR THIRTEEN YEARS.
OGLEVIE, CARETAKE
AMAZING...SO TELL ME, OGLE. I SAW YOUR "NO PETS" SIGN. JUST WANT YOU TO KNOW...THESE CATS WITH ME AREN'T REALLY PETS.
THEY'RE MORE LIKE LIFE COMPANIONS.
SO ARE THEY WELCOME TOO?
...OR AM I TURNING AROUND AND LEAVING?
WELL, IT'S NOT REGULATION...
BUT YOU DID COME ALL THIS WAY...
SO WE'LL ACCOMMODATE YOU ALL.
IS THIS THE GUEST BOOK? GUESS I'LL SIGN IN, THEN.
OGLEVIE, CARETAKER
YOU CAN SIGN IN, BUT YOU'LL FIND IT DIFFICULT TO LEAVE THIS WONDERFUL PLACE.

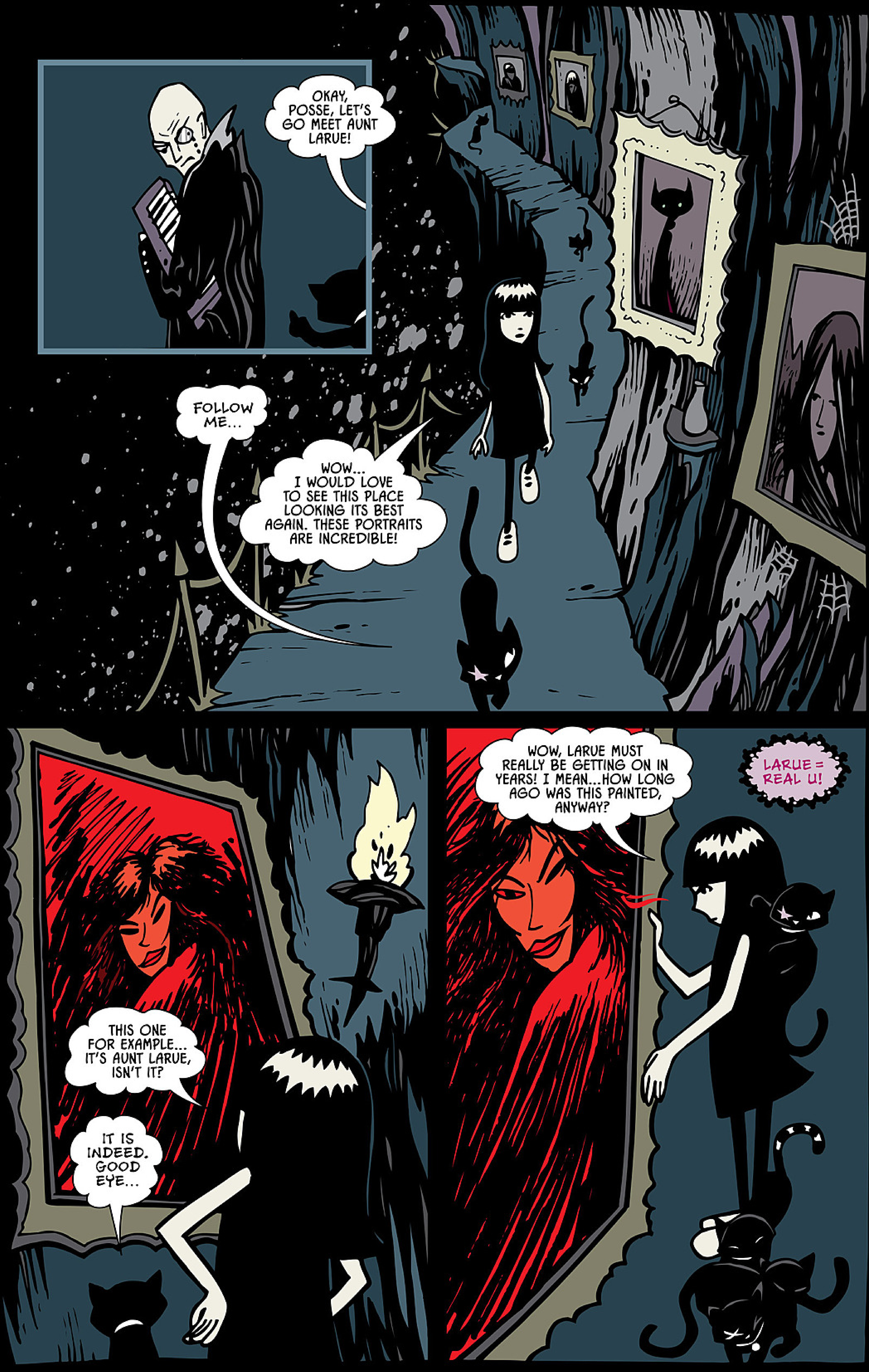
HEY, OGLE. YOU KNOW OF THAT CREATURE, EL VIEGO?
I DO KNOW OF HIM. HE OFTEN CAUSES PROBLEMS FOR OUR GUESTS.
YEAH, WELL HE'S HERE TOO. WHAT A ROYAL PAIN IN THE CHEEKS, I TELL YA...HE'S A DOWNRIGHT THIEF!
HE COMES AND GOES AS HE PLEASES, UNFORTUNATELY. NOTHING I'VE BEEN ABLE TO DO ABOUT THAT...
YOU MIGHT WANT TO CALL IN AN EXTERMINATOR!
EL VIEGO WON'T SHOW HIS FACE WHEN I'M AROUND.
ANYHOODLE, YOU THINK I CAN SEE AUNT LARUE NOW?
Ahhhh YESSSS. SHE'S WAITING FOR YOU. I'LL SHOW YOU TO HER QUARTERS!
NO NEED, OGLE, IT LOOKS LIKE YOU HAVE SOME CARETAKING TO TAKE CARE OF...
...AROUND HE--
HEY THERE, KITTY. WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

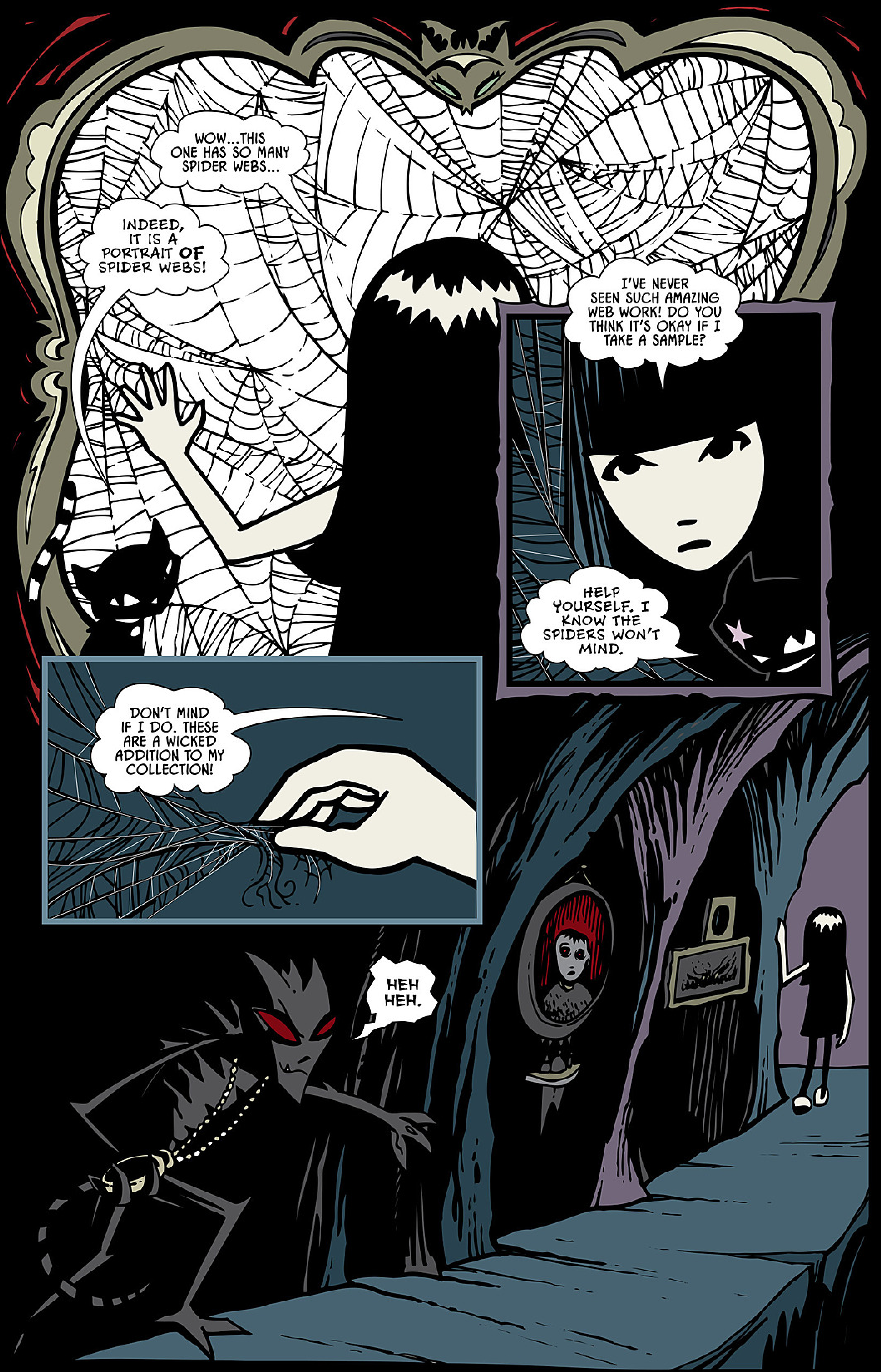
HER TAG SAYS "MYSTERY." WELL, MYSTERY, MEET THE POSSE: MILES, NEECHEE, AND SABBATH... AND I'M EMILY.
MroOWW? THE POSSE IS NOW COMPLETE. ESP! NINE LIVES...EMILY? STRANGE!! I AM THE MYSTERY AND THE MYSTERY IS MEEEeoOow...
EMILY, BLACKROCK WASN'T ALWAYS AS YOU SEE IT NOW. I NEED TO SHOW YOU HOW THINGS USED TO BE...

BACK THEN, A YOUNG AMELIE LARUE MADE HOMES FOR THE LOST CREATURES OF THE WORLD...
MENDED THEM WHEN THEY WERE BROKEN...
GAVE THEM LOVE WHEN THEY WERE SHUT OUT BY THE WORLD.
SHE BESTOWED A BETTER AND MORE CHARMED LIFE UPON ALL OF THE AFFLICTED, AND MADE THEM PART OF HER FAMILY.

THIS CASTLE WAS LITERALLY CARVED FROM LARUE'S ENERGY. SHE WAS BORN WITH A POWERFUL SPIRIT THAT BROUGHT THIS PLACE TO LIFE. YOU HAVE IT TOO, EMILY.
WELCOME TO BLACKROCK, EMILY. THIS IS YOUR ANCESTRAL HOME, AND YOU NEED TO KNOW IT WILL NOT BE EASY FOR YOU TO LEAVE. IN FACT, IT WILL TAKE EVERYTHING YOU'VE GOT.


Owwww! WHAT HAPPENED?
YOU FADED AWAY--I HAD TO PINCH YOU TO GET YOU OUT OF YOUR DREAM.
Hmph... MAYBE I WANTED TO STAY THERE.
HEY! I KNOW HOW THIS PLACE USED TO BE. WHAT HAPPENED? YOU'RE NOT DOING YOUR JOB, ARE YOU?
I'M DOING MY BEAST--er-- BEST?
WELL, YOU'RE NOT MUCH OF A CARETAKER! I'M GOING TO FIND AUNT LARUE AND LET HER KNOW HOW LITTLE CARE YOU'RE TAKING!


OKAY, POSSE, LET'S GO MEET AUNT LARUE!
FOLLOW ME...
WOW... I WOULD LOVE TO SEE THIS PLACE LOOKING ITS BEST AGAIN. THESE PORTRAITS ARE INCREDIBLE!
THIS ONE FOR EXAMPLE... IT'S AUNT LARUE, ISN'T IT?
IT IS INDEED. GOOD EYE...
WOW, LARUE MUST REALLY BE GETTING ON IN YEARS! I MEAN...HOW LONG AGO WAS THIS PAINTED, ANYWAY?
LARUE = REAL U!


WOW...THIS ONE HAS SO MANY SPIDER WEBS...
INDEED, IT IS A PORTRAIT OF SPIDER WEBS!
I'VE NEVER SEEN SUCH AMAZING WEB WORK! DO YOU THINK IT'S OKAY IF I TAKE A SAMPLE?
HELP YOURSELF. I KNOW THE SPIDERS WON'T MIND.
DON'T MIND IF I DO. THESE ARE A WICKED ADDITION TO MY COLLECTION!
HEH HEH.

RESTRAINING CHAMBER, POOLS OF DEEPENING, SUNLESS GARDENS...WHEN DO I GET TO EXPLORE ALL THESE COOL PLACES?
MAYBE LATER--YOU NEED TO SEE LARUE AS SOON AS YOU CAN!
I'M ALL FOR THAT. YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE HOW MANY OBSTACLES, DELAYS, AND CHALLENGES I'VE FACED TO GET HERE!
HOLD UP A MINUTE...I THINK WE'RE BEING FOLLOWED!
KEEP GOING TO LARUE'S CHAMBER--I'LL BE RIGHT THERE!
HEE HEEEE...

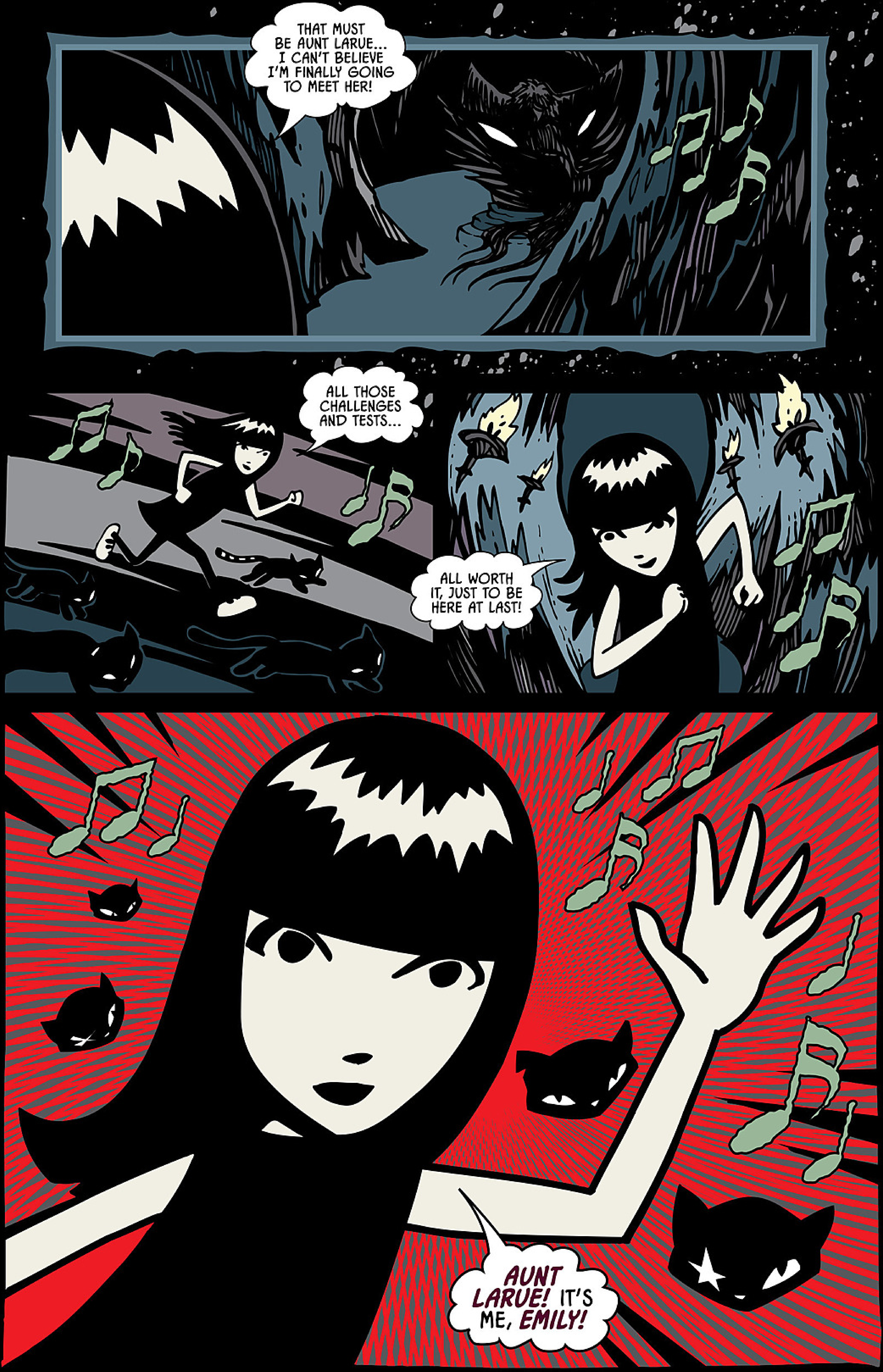
Oh, GREAT. WELL, AT LEAST I UNDERSTAND THAT LAST LINE.
THOUGH PUZZLING PLUTONIANS PLUG FOR PENNIES, NO WOOBLING WIMWAMS WILL WARGLE WRENNIES. SPEAK, FRIEND, AND ENTER? OH, YOU WISH! KID, THIS PASSWORD AIN'T SWORDFISH. WRONG TRY = YOU DIE.
OKAY, I'M CROSSING "SWORDFISH" OFF THE LIST. JUST 39,999 MORE WORDS TO ELIMINATE...
THIS RIDDLE IS TRULY DIABOLICAL!
DUUUDE. DIABOLICAL JIBBERISH.
BUT THIRTEEN MINUTES LATER...
Oh, TO HECK WITH THIS. I'M JUST GONNA TRY A WORD AT RANDOM.
FRRR...
HOLD UP THERE, EM! HERE COMES THAT MYSTERY CAT!
CREEEeeek
LARUTABAGA
Oh FINE. MAKE IT LOOK EASY.

Ooh, WICKED! LET'S PEEK AROUND AND SEE IF WE CAN FIND LARUE.
I HAVEN'T BEEN IN HERE FOR A LONG TIME...
WHO INVITED YOU?
LAST TIME I CHECKED, MISS LARUE'S OLD PIPE ORGAN WASN'T WORKING PROPERLY...
I'LL SEE IF I CAN GET IT WORKING AGAIN.
IS AUNT LARUE AROUND?
YES... LARUE IS ALWAYS HERE. SHE'S ALWAYS WITH YOU NOW.
WELL, LET'S GO FIND HER. I DON'T KNOW IF SHE REALLY WANTS OGLE IN HERE MESSING WITH HER STUFF.

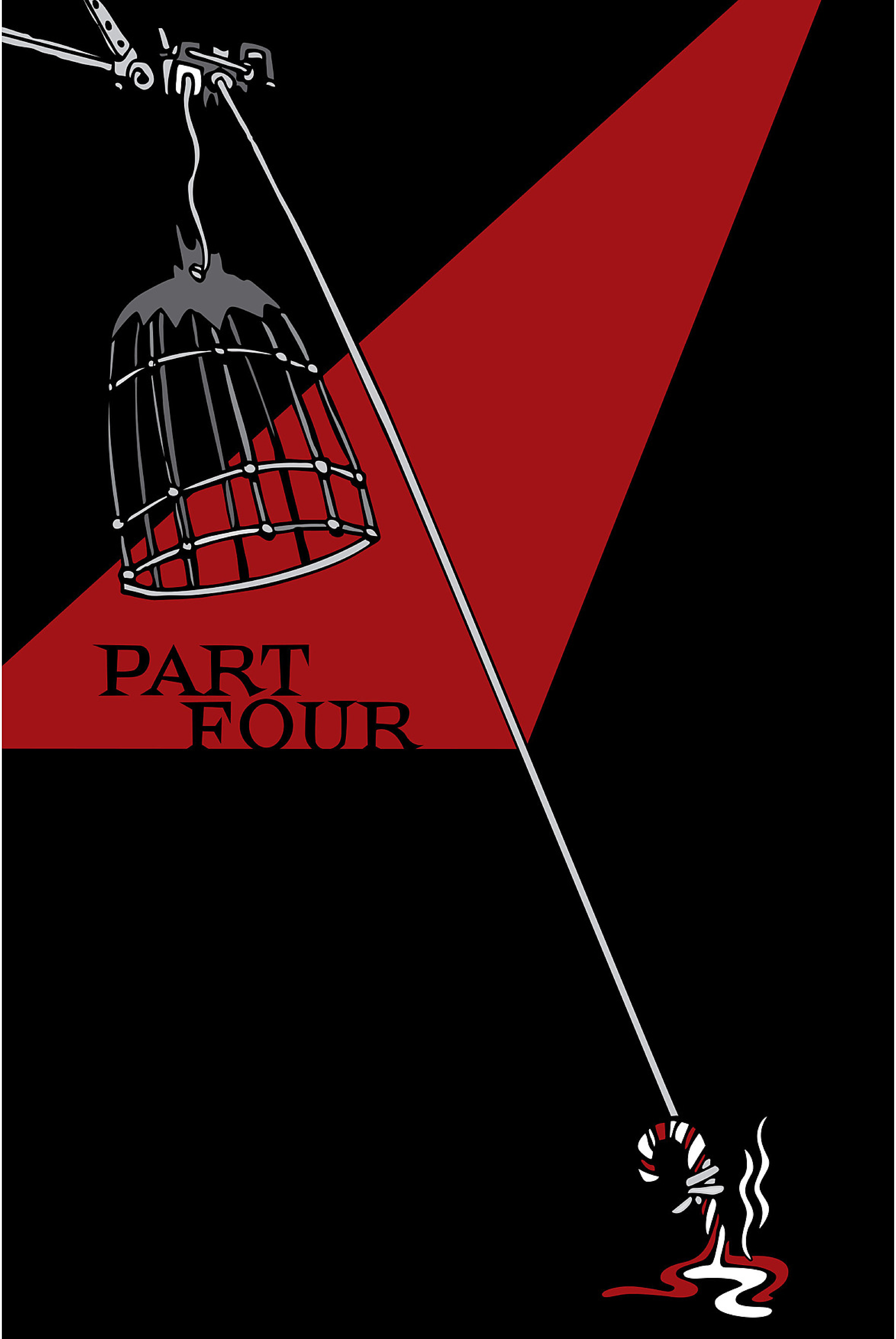
HEY SABBATH, CHECK OUT THE TAXIDERMIED COELACANTH!
COOL HEART COLLECTION!
FAR OUT CAT-A-PULT!

DUDE, THIS PLACE IS SUCH A MAZE...IT'S HARD TO KNOW IF I'M GOING IN A STRAIGHT LINE.

I MEAN, I COULD SWEAR I'VE PASSED THIS CUCKOO CLOCK ABOUT THREE TIMES.
I GUESS WE'LL NEED TO START MARKING OUR TRAIL.
OKAY, HERE'S A PATH WE DEFINITELY HAVEN'T BEEN DOWN BEFORE. LET'S GO!


THAT MUST BE AUNT LARUE... I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M FINALLY GOING TO MEET HER!
ALL THOSE CHALLENGES AND TESTS...
ALL WORTH IT, JUST TO BE HERE AT LAST!
AUNT LARUE! IT'S ME, EMILY!

IT CAN'T BE!
I DON'T UNDERSTAND...
THE LOCKET, EMILY...LOOK INSIDE...
IT'S THE SAME LOCKET FROM MY NIGHTMARE! AND THE PORTRAITS OF LARUE...
ALL THAT--AND LARUE IS DEAD??? DEAD FOR YEARS! DECADES!
NOOOOOOOO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WHY ARE YOU DEEAAAD!?
I SOOOO BADLY WANTED TO MEET YOU!

HER BODY'S BEEN DEAD FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS NOW, BUT SHE REMAINS HERE IN ME JUST AS SHE IS NOW IN YOU. TOUCH HER HAND WITH MINE.
SWOOSH
"YOU ARE WE."
I AM MYSELF AND I AM YOU BOTH.
WE ARE ONE.
"WE ARE THREE."
WE ARE THIRTEEN.
ZZZIP
SWISHH
MEOWW

THE CIRCLE IS COMPLETE.
SWOOSH
WE ARE ONE. WE ARE THREE. WE ARE THIRTEEN.
WE ARE ONE. WE ARE THREE. WE ARE THIRTEEN.

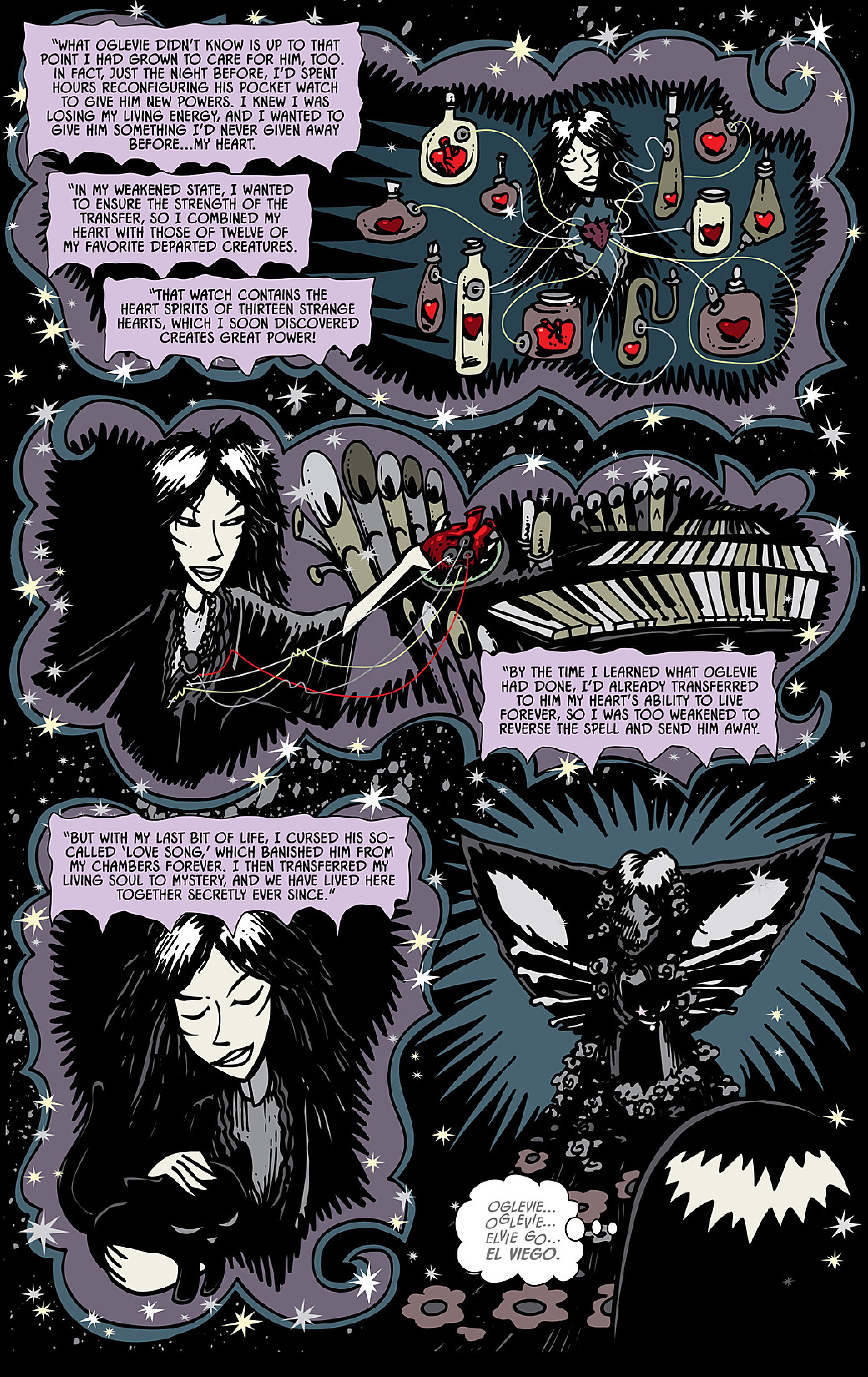
WE ARE ONE IN SPIRIT NOW, AND INDIVIDUALLY WE HAVE VERY SIMILAR SENSIBILITIES.
"LIKE YOU, EMILY, I WAS A COLLECTOR, AN INVENTOR, AND A FRIEND TO ALL STRANGE BEASTS. IN MY TIME, CREATURES OF STRANGE VARIETY WERE MORE COMMON BUT NOT ACCEPTED BY MOST HUMANS. I SOUGHT OUT CREATURES WHO NEEDED HELP AND TOOK IN ALL THOSE WHO DARED TO BE CARED FOR.
"TOGETHER, THE MISFITS OF THE NIGHT AND I CARED FOR EACH OTHER AND BROUGHT LIFE TO BLACKROCK. WE GARDENED, CREATED MUSIC AND ART, SHARED STORIES ABOUT OUR LIVES...WE WERE A REAL FAMILY.
"THEN ONE DAY A TRUE STRANGER ENTERED OUR LIVES. THIS ONE WAS DIFFERENT, OF THE HUMAN VARIETY. HE WAS A DARING DRIFTER, OLDER LIKE ME, AND DOWN ON HIS LUCK.
"HIS NAME WAS OGLEVIE.
"I KNEW WE HAD TO HELP HIM.

"WE WERE ALL VERY KIND TO HIM.
"IN TURN, OGLEVIE HELPED WITH THE CARETAKING OF BLACKROCK AND MY ANIMAL FRIENDS. BUT WHAT TRULY SURPRISED ME WAS THE INCREDIBLE MUSIC HE CREATED.
"OGLEVIE HAD AN AMAZING TALENT FOR PLAYING THE PIPE ORGAN, AND HIS WEIRD, DARK, COMPLEX MELODIES KEPT ME AWAKE LATE INTO THE DAY.
"I WAS ENTRANCED, AND SOMEHOW...TRANSFORMED BY THOSE HAUNTING TUNES.
"IN TIME, I BECAME CLOSE TO OGLEVIE, IN A WAY I NEVER HAD BEEN WITH ANY PERSON BEFORE.
"SURE, HE WAS A LITTLE WEIRD AND WAS CLEARLY KEEPING A PART OF HIS LIFE SECRET FROM ME, BUT THAT DIDN'T BOTHER ME. WE ALL HAVE OUR STRANGE SIDE.

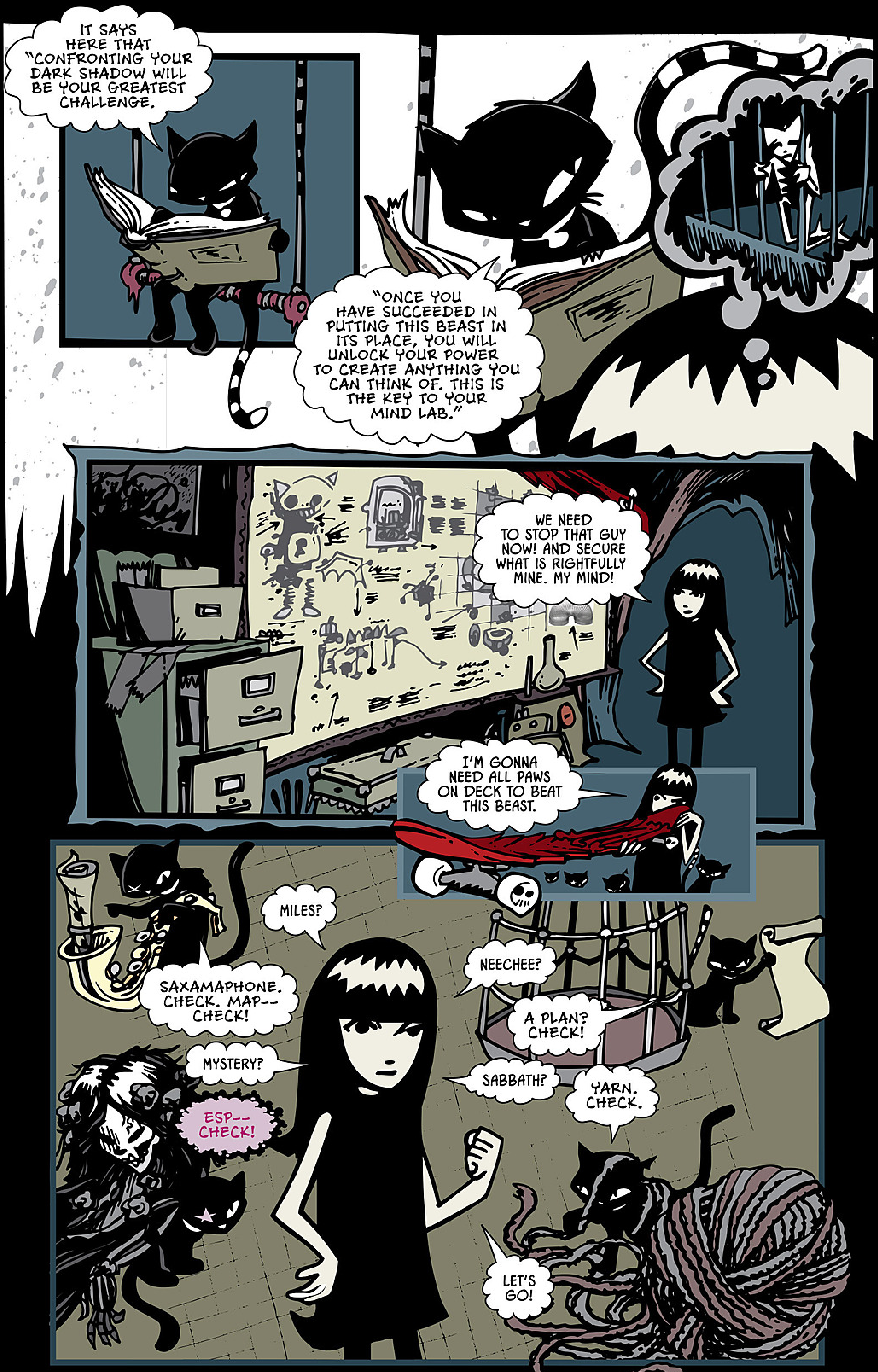
"OGLEVIE WAS ROUGH AROUND THE EDGES, BUT WHEN HE PLAYED MUSIC, HE CHANGED, SOMEHOW. HE SEEMED HAPPIER AND MORE AT PEACE.
"I WAS SO CHARGED WITH HIS MUSIC THAT I COULD SEE IT, FEEL IT, AND SOMETIMES I WANTED IT TO LAST FOREVER. HE INSPIRED ME TO BE EVEN MORE INVENTIVE AND CREATIVE, AND IT WAS CLEAR I INSPIRED HIM TOO.
"LIFE HERE AT BLACKROCK WAS PERFECT. I HAD ALL MY STRANGE BEASTS AROUND, MY IMAGINATION AND CREATIVITY WERE AT AN ALL-TIME HIGH, AND OGLEVIE BECAME MORE THAN A RESIDENT. HE WAS MY FRIEND.
"BUT OUR HAPPINESS DIDN'T LAST. A FEW YEARS AFTER OGELVIE ARRIVED, I BEGAN TO GROW VERY SICK.

"AROUND THE SAME TIME, GROANY AND STONEY DISAPPEARED.
STONEY & GROANY
?
?!
"I FELT LIKE I WAS LOSING MY SPIRIT...AND ONE BY ONE, MY PRECIOUS CREATURES SEEMED TO VANISH INTO THIN AIR.
"OGLEVIE WAS THERE FOR ME, BUT WITHOUT ALL MY BEAST FRIENDS, MY WILL TO LIVE BEGAN TO WANE."
MISS LARUE, YOU ARE NOT WELL, AND FOR WHAT REASON I CANNOT TELL. MAYBE A TUNE WILL PERK UP YOUR SPIRITS?
THAT SOUNDS WONDERFUL. MAYBE MYSTERY AND COONER CAN JOIN US...
MISS LARUE, I'M SORRY TO SAY I HAVEN'T SEEN COONER SINCE HIS FEEDING LAST NIGHT.
I BELIEVE HE IS GONE NOW, TOO, OGLEVIE. I CAN FEEL IT. NOT ANOTHER ONE... SOB
LARUE-- YOU FRIGHTEN ME! WHAT'S HAPPENING TO YOU?
YOU ARE SO GOOD TO ME, OGLEVIE. I DON'T KNOW WHAT I WOULD DO WITHOUT YOU. ESPECIALLY NOW THAT IT'S ONLY THE THREE OF US. I KNOW MYSTERY WOULD NEVER LEAVE ME, AND I HOPE YOU WON'T.
NEVER! BUT I AM TERRIFIED THAT YOU ARE LEAVING ME. NO MATTER WHAT IS WRONG, I WILL NOT LEAVE YOU.
AND NOW THAT THOSE CRITTERS ARE GONE I CAN GIVE YOU MY FULL ATTENTION...

"IT WAS ONLY THEN THAT I BEGAN TO SUSPECT OGLEVIE'S INTENTIONS."
CRITTERS? MY PETS ARE MORE THAN CRITTERS TO ME. AND I THINK I AM DYING WITHOUT THEM.
MISS LARUE, I BEG YOUR PARDON, BUT WITHOUT ALL THAT MEWLING AND HOWLING, YOU CAN HEAR MY SONG TO YOU WITHOUT INTERRUPTION. IT WILL SOUND MUCH BETTER WITHOUT THEIR OUT-OF-TUNE RACKET...
...DON'T YOU THINK?
LARUE...I WANT US TO BE ALONE, TOGETHER.
YOU SENT THEM AWAY? HOW COULD YOU DO THAT? WHY?
I DID IT BECAUSE I...I... LOVE YOU.
LOVE?! WHAT ABOUT THE LOVE I HAD FOR MY FRIENDS AND THE LOVE THEY GAVE ME? I TOOK ALL OF THEM IN, JUST LIKE I TOOK YOU IN. BY WANTING ME FOR YOURSELF AND SENDING MY SOULMATES AWAY, YOU HAVE BROKEN ME. THEIR SOULS TOGETHER WITH MINE MADE ME COMPLETE AND NOW I'M A FRACTION OF WHAT I WAS.
I AM DYING.
NOOOO. IT'S NOT LIKE THAT...
PLEASE LEAVE MY CHAMBER. YOU WILL NEVER PLAY MY ORGAN AGAIN.
NO! LISTEN! THIS SONG IS A LOVE SONG!!
YOUR SONG IS WRONG. AND YOUR LOVE IS MISGUIDED AND DISTRACTED BY YOUR GREED. IT HAS NO PLACE HERE. LEAVE ME ALONE TO REST IN PEACE.
"OGLEVIE HAD UNKNOWINGLY PLAYED A SEQUENCE OF NOTES THAT TRIGGERED A PROTECTION SPELL OF MINE. THIS OPENED A SECRET CREVASSE BENEATH HIM, LOCKING HIM OUT OF MY CHAMBER, AND SENDING HIM OUT OF MY LIFE FOREVER.

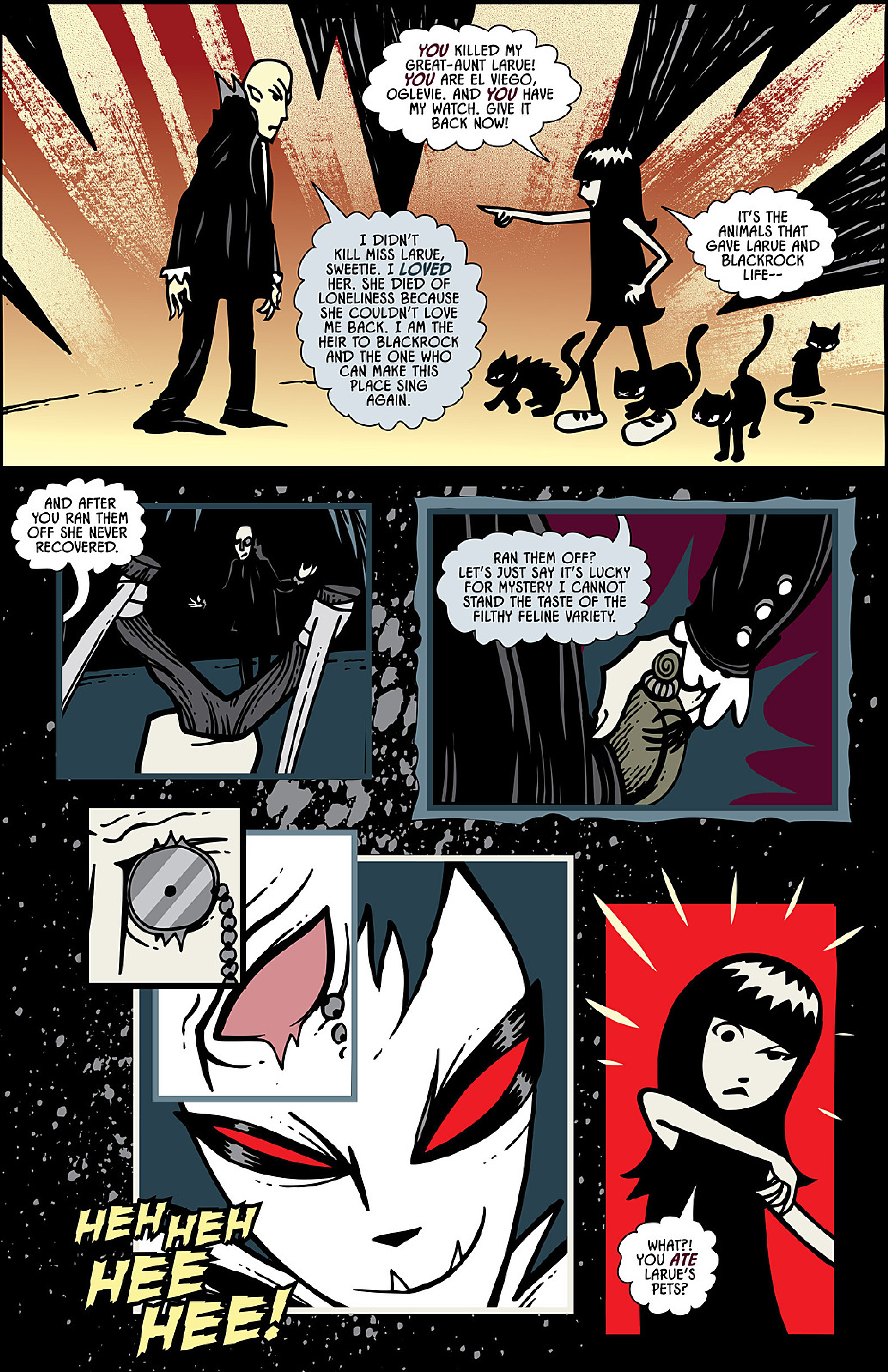

"WHAT OGLEVIE DIDN'T KNOW IS UP TO THAT POINT I HAD GROWN TO CARE FOR HIM, TOO. IN FACT, JUST THE NIGHT BEFORE, I'D SPENT HOURS RECONFIGURING HIS POCKET WATCH TO GIVE HIM NEW POWERS. I KNEW I WAS LOSING MY LIVING ENERGY, AND I WANTED TO GIVE HIM SOMETHING I'D NEVER GIVEN AWAY BEFORE...MY HEART.
"IN MY WEAKENED STATE, I WANTED TO ENSURE THE STRENGTH OF THE TRANSFER, SO I COMBINED MY HEART WITH THOSE OF TWELVE OF MY FAVORITE DEPARTED CREATURES.
"THAT WATCH CONTAINS THE HEART SPIRITS OF THIRTEEN STRANGE HEARTS, WHICH I SOON DISCOVERED CREATES GREAT POWER!
"BY THE TIME I LEARNED WHAT OGLEVIE HAD DONE, I'D ALREADY TRANSFERRED TO HIM MY HEART'S ABILITY TO LIVE FOREVER, SO I WAS TOO WEAKENED TO REVERSE THE SPELL AND SEND HIM AWAY.
"BUT WITH MY LAST BIT OF LIFE, I CURSED HIS SO-CALLED 'LOVE SONG,' WHICH BANISHED HIM FROM MY CHAMBERS FOREVER. I THEN TRANSFERRED MY LIVING SOUL TO MYSTERY, AND WE HAVE LIVED HERE TOGETHER SECRETLY EVER SINCE."
OGLEVIE... OGLEVIE... ELVIE GO... EL VIEGO.

OGLEVIE TURNED INTO A COMPLETE MONSTER AFTER THAT. WITHOUT MUSIC HIS LONG LIFE HAS BEEN TRAGIC.
HE HAS TORMENTED EVERY GUEST WHO HAS SPENT TIME HERE, SAME AS WITH YOU. ALL THESE VISITS TO BLACKROCK CASTLE HAVE BEEN DOCUMENTED IN THE BOOK OF STRANGE.
CAN THE BOOK HELP ME?
NOT RIGHT NOW. YOUR TIME WITH THE BOOK WILL COME SOON, WHEN YOU WRITE CHAPTER 13! BUT YOU DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THAT NOW, EMILY. YOU MUST FOCUS!
EMILY, YOU WILL BE CHALLENGED THIS VERY DAY IN A GREAT WAY BY THE BEAST.
REMEMBER--WE ARE A PART OF YOU NOW AND AT YOUR WILL CAN HELP IN TAMING THE BEAST THAT IS TAKING YOUR TIME AWAY FROM YOU.
YOU MUST USE ALL YOU'VE GOT TO DEFEAT HIM.
YOUR FUTURE AND THE FUTURE OF BLACKROCK RESTS ON THE OUTCOME.


IT SAYS HERE THAT "CONFRONTING YOUR DARK SHADOW WILL BE YOUR GREATEST CHALLENGE.
"ONCE YOU HAVE SUCCEEDED IN PUTTING THIS BEAST IN ITS PLACE, YOU WILL UNLOCK YOUR POWER TO CREATE ANYTHING YOU CAN THINK OF. THIS IS THE KEY TO YOUR MIND LAB."
WE NEED TO STOP THAT GUY NOW! AND SECURE WHAT IS RIGHTFULLY MINE. MY MIND!
I'M GONNA NEED ALL PAWS ON DECK TO BEAT THIS BEAST.
MILES?
SAXAMAPHONE. CHECK. MAP--CHECK!
NEECHEE?
A PLAN? CHECK!
MYSTERY?
ESP--CHECK!
SABBATH?
YARN. CHECK.
LET'S GO!

HE'LL BE EXPECTING US TO COME IN THE FRONT, SO LETS TAKE THE OLD CREEK.
HEY NOW--THIS IS A FASTER BEAT THAN I LIKE TO KEEP!
WOOOOSHHH

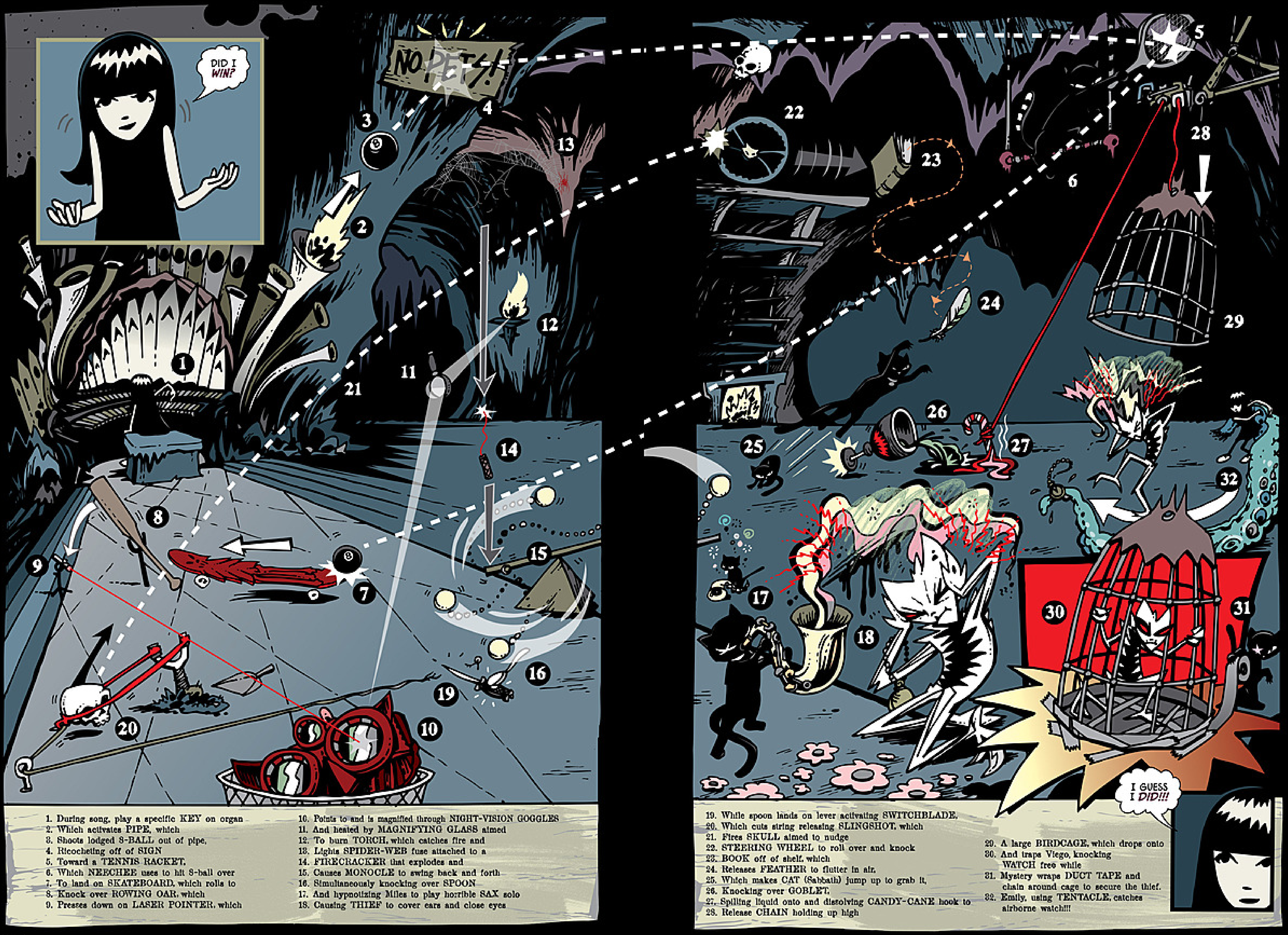
PREPARE FOR A CRASH LANDING!
SLAM
WHOA. I NEED TO LEARN HOW TO LAND ON MY FEET LIKE YOU GUYS.
CHEESES, HE'S GOOD.
I HAVEN'T BEEN IN HERE IN CENTURIES. LOCKED OUT OF MY OWN HOME, WAITING FOR THIS TIME TO COME, MYSTERY. AND YOU'VE BEEN HERE ALL ALONG? WHY KEEP IT ALL TO YOURSELF? ARE YOU AFRAID OF ME?
YEP. HE KNOWS HIS PIPES.
SNAP OUT OF IT, YOU TWO. WHAT'S THE PLAN NEECHEE?
EMILY... YOU'RE UP.

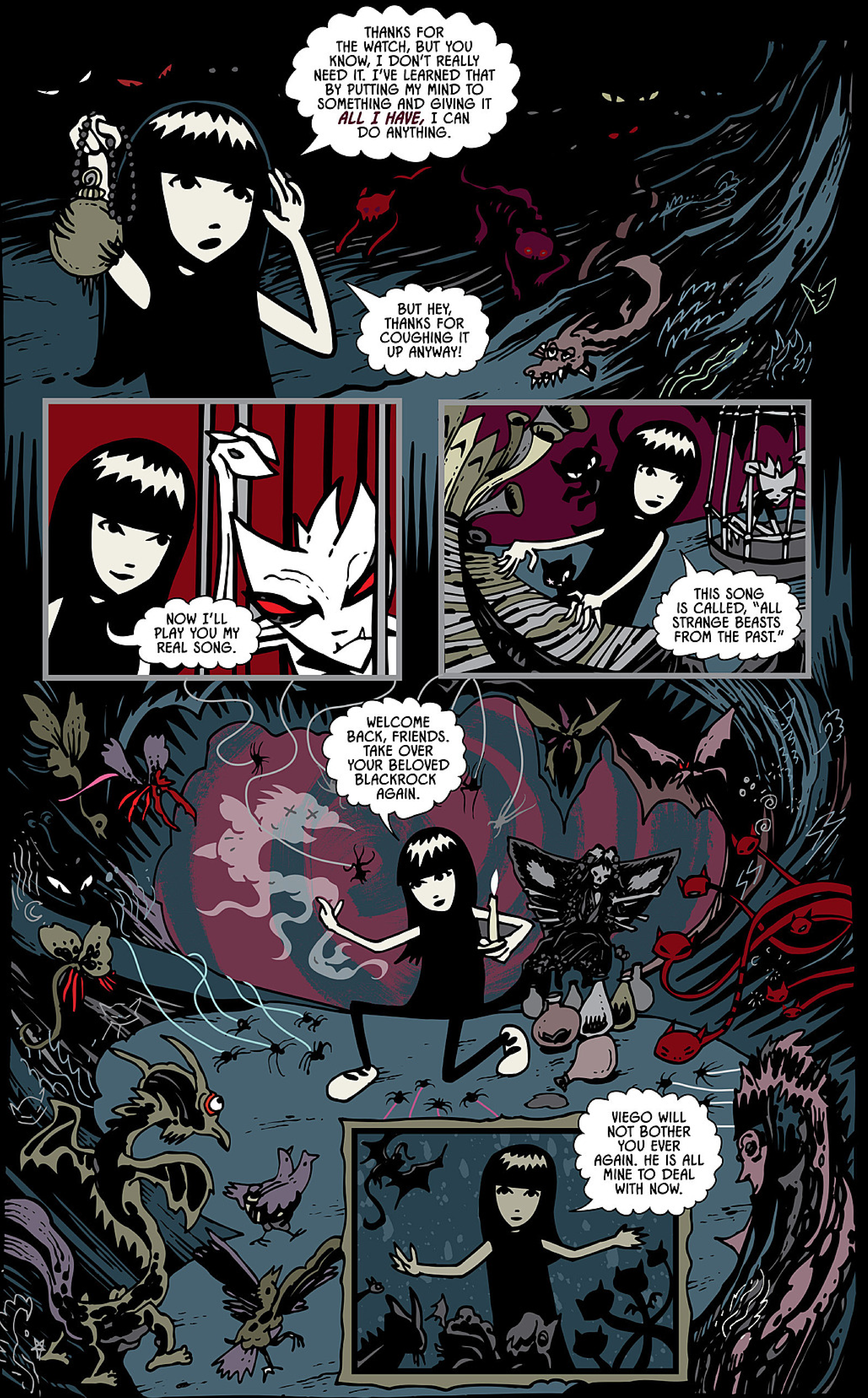

YOU KILLED MY GREAT-AUNT LARUE! YOU ARE EL VIEGO, OGLEVIE. AND YOU HAVE MY WATCH. GIVE IT BACK NOW!
I DIDN'T KILL MISS LARUE, SWEETIE. I LOVED HER. SHE DIED OF LONELINESS BECAUSE SHE COULDN'T LOVE ME BACK. I AM THE HEIR TO BLACKROCK AND THE ONE WHO CAN MAKE THIS PLACE SING AGAIN.
IT'S THE ANIMALS THAT GAVE LARUE AND BLACKROCK LIFE--
AND AFTER YOU RAN THEM OFF SHE NEVER RECOVERED.
RAN THEM OFF? LET'S JUST SAY IT'S LUCKY FOR MYSTERY I CANNOT STAND THE TASTE OF THE FILTHY FELINE VARIETY.
HEH HEH HEE HEE!
WHAT?! YOU ATE LARUE'S PETS?

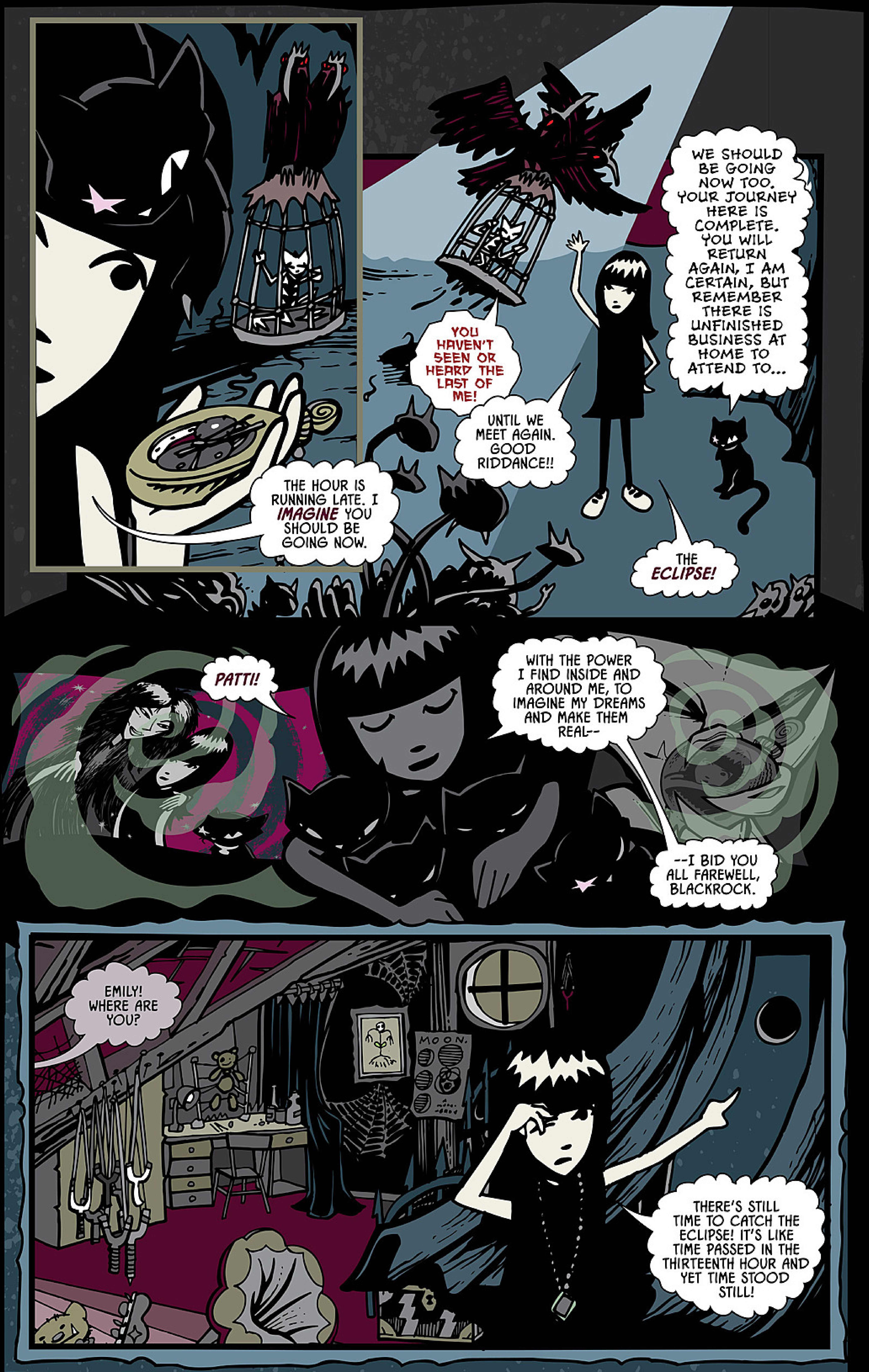
HAHAHA. OVER TIME I CAME TO REALIZE THAT THEIR POWERS REMAIN IN ME, AND MAKE ME STRONGER. INVINCIBLE. IMMORTAL.
YOU'RE PATHETIC AND WEAK!
I GUESS MY GREEDINESS FOR HER, AND MY DISTASTE FOR HER VEGETARIAN FOOD--
--ULTIMATELY GAVE ME THE UPPER HAND HERE AT BLACKROCK!
HAHAHAHA. YOU THINK YOUR PEBBLES WILL GET YOUR WATCH BACK?
YOU ARE AS FEISTY AS LARUE. DOOON'T MAAAAAKE MEEEE HURT YOUUUUU!!!
ALL I WANT IS FOR YOU TO STAY AND HELP.
HELP ME BRING BACK THE LIFE THAT ONCE WAS AT BLACKROCK WHEN MISS LARUE AND I RULED IT TOGETHER.
ME? STAY HERE WITH YOU? YOU ARE DEMENTED!
I HAVE THE KEY TO UNLOCK YOUR IMAGINATION AND WHAT EMPOWERS YOUR MIND. THIS WATCH IS YOUR LEGACY, YOUR FATE-- AND YOU CAN'T LEAVE WITHOUT IT.

HE'S GOT YOU THERE.
SURE DOES.
BUMMER.
YOWZA. THAT STINGS.
OKAY THEN.
HOW ABOUT A CHALLENGE? BEST ORGAN GRINDER WINS. THE ORGAN WILL BE THE JUDGE. WINNER TAKES ALL--BLACKROCK, THE WATCH, ME STAY OR YOU GO, THE WHOLE CAT AND CABOODLE.
IF I WIN, I GET THE WATCH-SLASH-MY MIND BACK, AND RETURN HOME LEAVING YOU HERE TO STAY.
AND WHEN I WIN YOU WILL HELP RESTORE LIFE HERE AS IT WAS, KEEP ME COMPANY, AND YOUR CATS WILL BE OUR HUMBLE SERVANTS UNTIL THE END.
OOOHHH MY MISS LARUE. YOU MOST CERTAINLY HAVE A DEAL.
DEAL.
TO PROVE THAT I AM DEAD SERIOUS, THE CATS WILL TIDY UP THE PLACE JUST TO SHOW YOU THE TYPE OF FINE SERVANTS THEY WILL BE.
MAYBE YOU COULD PLAY SOMETHING WHILE THEY WORK?
THAT WAS SIMPLY WONDERFUL. I'VE NEVER HEARD ANYTHING LIKE IT BEFORE IN MY LIFE. YOU ARE TRULY THE BEST. TO FOLLOW YOU WOULD ONLY RUIN THE FANTASTIC TUNE RUNNING THROUGH MY HEAD RIGHT NOW.

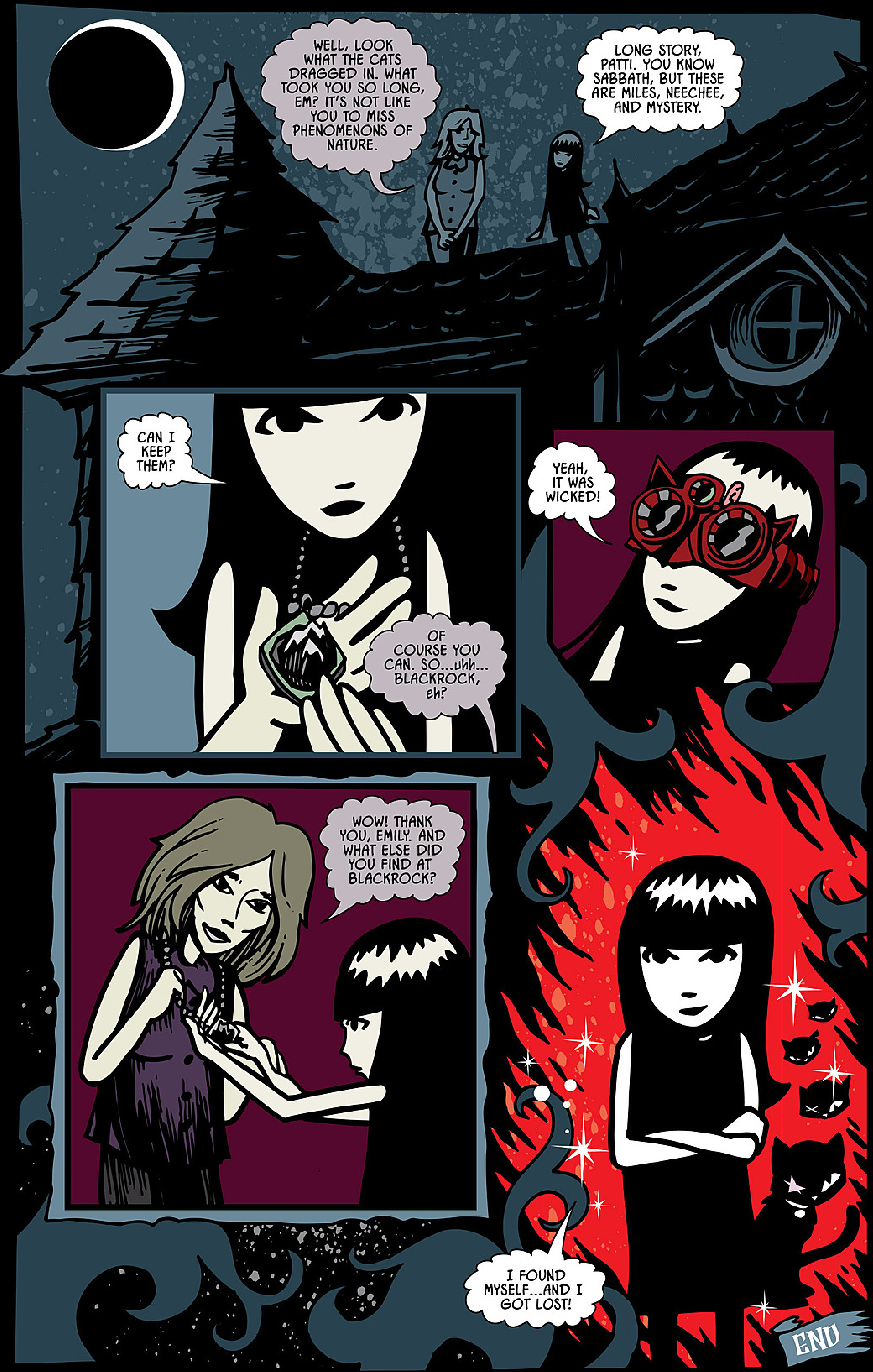
A DEAL'S A DEAL.
IF I MUST...
Uh-hem.
plink plunk
THIS NOTE'S FOR LARUE AND HER PETS!

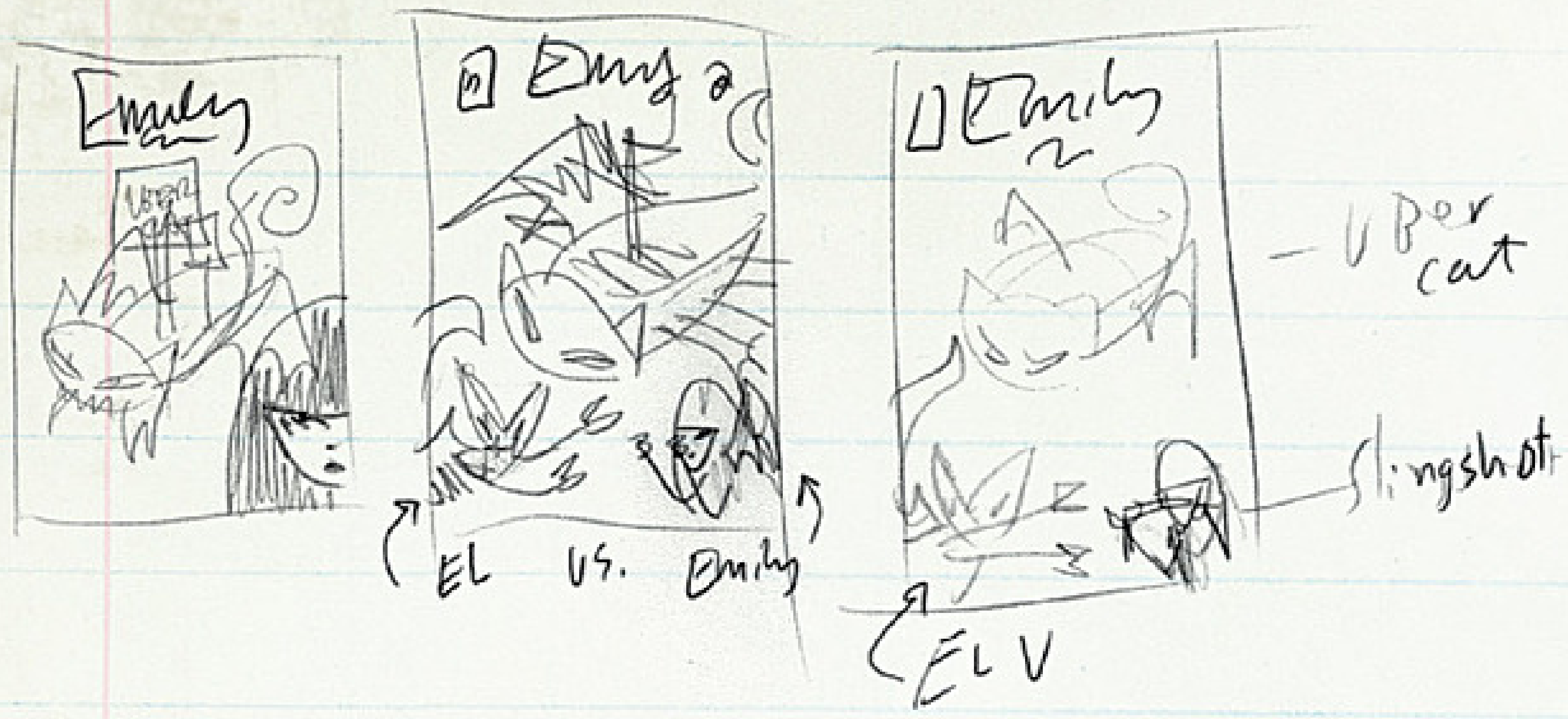

DID I WIN?
NO PETS!
1. During song, play a specific KEY on organ
2. Which activates PIPE, which
3. Shoots lodged 8-BALL out of pipe,
4. Ricocheting off of SIGN
5. Toward a TENNIS RACKET,
6. Which NEECHEE uses to hit 8-ball over
7. To land on SKATEBOARD, which rolls to
8. Knock over ROWING OAR, which
9. Presses down on LASER POINTER, which
10. Points to and is magnified through NIGHT-VISION GOGGLES
11. And heated by MAGNIFYING GLASS aimed
12. To burn TORCH, which catches fire and
13. Lights SPIDER-WEB fuse attached to a
14. FIRECRACKER that explodes and
15. Causes MONOCLE to swing back and forth
16. Simultaneously knocking over SPOON
17. And hypnotizing Miles to play horrible SAX solo
18. Causing THIEF to cover ears and close eyes
19. While spoon lands on lever activating SWITCHBLADE,
20. Which cuts string releasing SLINGSHOT, which
21. Fires SKULL aimed to nudge
22. STEERING WHEEL to roll over and knock
23. BOOK off of shelf, which
24. Releases FEATHER to flutter in air,
25. Which makes CAT (Sabbath) jump up to grab it,
26. Knocking over GOBLET,
27. Spilling liquid onto and dissolving CANDY-CANE hook to
28. Release CHAIN holding up high
29. A large BIRDCAGE, which drops onto
30. And traps Viego, knocking
WATCH free while
31. Mystery wraps DUCT TAPE and
chain around cage to secure the thief.
32. Emily, using TENTACLE, catches
airborne watch!!!
I GUESS I DID!!!


THANKS FOR THE WATCH, BUT YOU KNOW, I DON'T REALLY NEED IT. I'VE LEARNED THAT BY PUTTING MY MIND TO SOMETHING AND GIVING IT ALL I HAVE, I CAN DO ANYTHING.
BUT HEY, THANKS FOR COUGHING IT UP ANYWAY!
NOW I'LL PLAY YOU MY REAL SONG.
THIS SONG IS CALLED, "ALL STRANGE BEASTS FROM THE PAST."
WELCOME BACK, FRIENDS. TAKE OVER YOUR BELOVED BLACKROCK AGAIN.
VIEGO WILL NOT BOTHER YOU EVER AGAIN. HE IS ALL MINE TO DEAL WITH NOW.

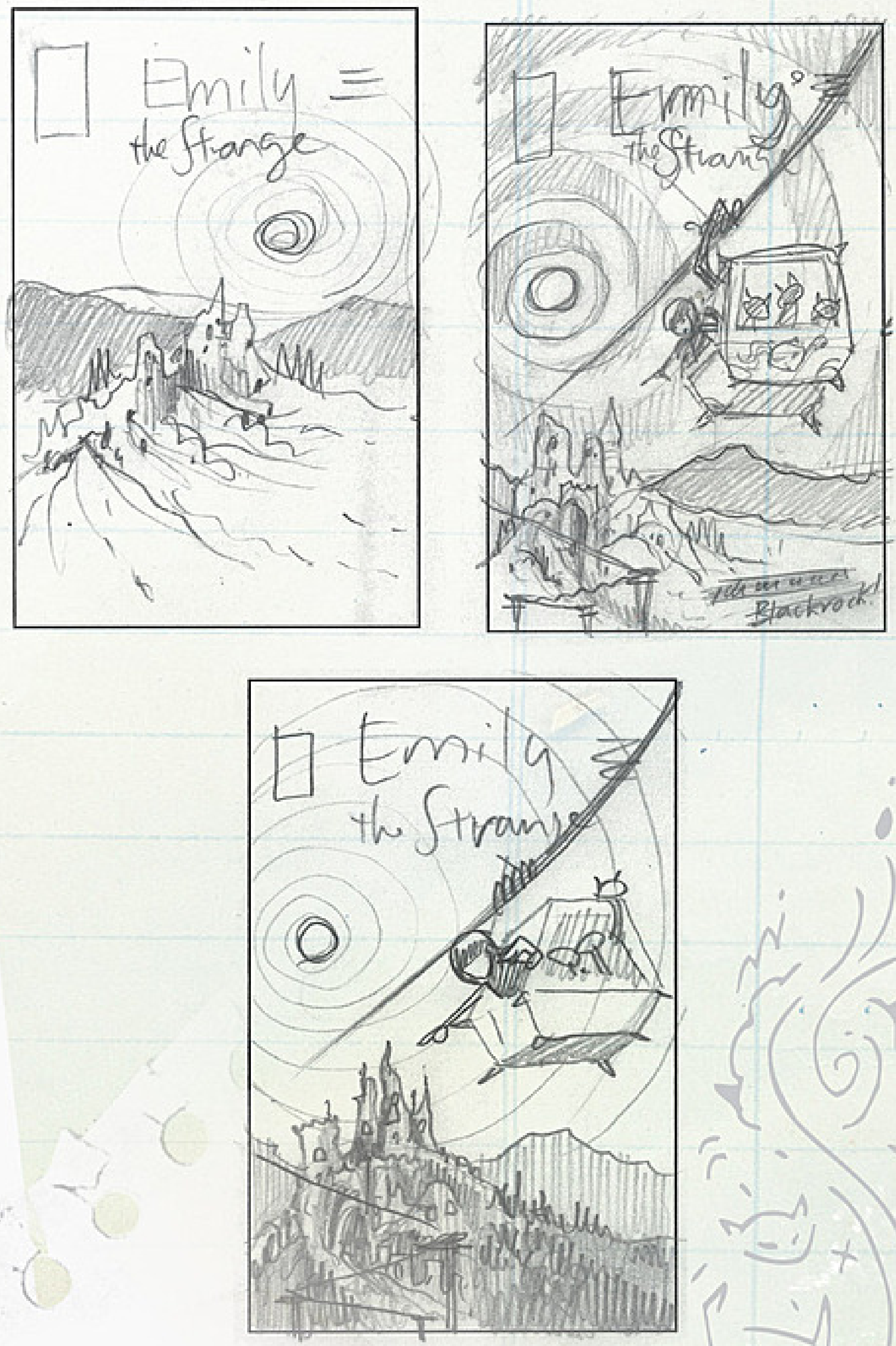


THE HOUR IS RUNNING LATE. I *IMAGINE* YOU SHOULD BE GOING NOW.
YOU HAVEN'T SEEN OR HEARD THE LAST OF ME!
UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN. GOOD RIDDANCE!!
WE SHOULD BE GOING NOW TOO. YOUR JOURNEY HERE IS COMPLETE. YOU WILL RETURN AGAIN, I AM CERTAIN, BUT REMEMBER THERE IS UNFINISHED BUSINESS AT HOME TO ATTEND TO...
THE *ECLIPSE!*
PATTI!
WITH THE POWER I FIND INSIDE AND AROUND ME, TO IMAGINE MY DREAMS AND MAKE THEM REAL--
--I BID YOU ALL FAREWELL, BLACKROCK.
EMILY! WHERE ARE YOU?
MOON.
THERE'S STILL TIME TO CATCH THE ECLIPSE! IT'S LIKE TIME PASSED IN THE THIRTEENTH HOUR AND YET TIME STOOD STILL!


WELL, LOOK WHAT THE CATS DRAGGED IN. WHAT TOOK YOU SO LONG, EM? IT'S NOT LIKE YOU TO MISS PHENOMENONS OF NATURE.
LONG STORY, PATTI. YOU KNOW SABBATH, BUT THESE ARE MILES, NEECHEE, AND MYSTERY.
CAN I KEEP THEM?
OF COURSE YOU CAN. SO...uhh... BLACKROCK, eh?
YEAH, IT WAS WICKED!
WOW! THANK YOU, EMILY. AND WHAT ELSE DID YOU FIND AT BLACKROCK?
I FOUND MYSELF...AND I GOT LOST!
END



Designing the covers for each issue is really fun and a lot of work. We have to make sure we're giving the readers an accurate idea of what is in each issue without giving too much away, so Rob and Buzz will often do multiple sketches building off each other's ideas for each cover until we find the perfect image.



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The 13th Hour
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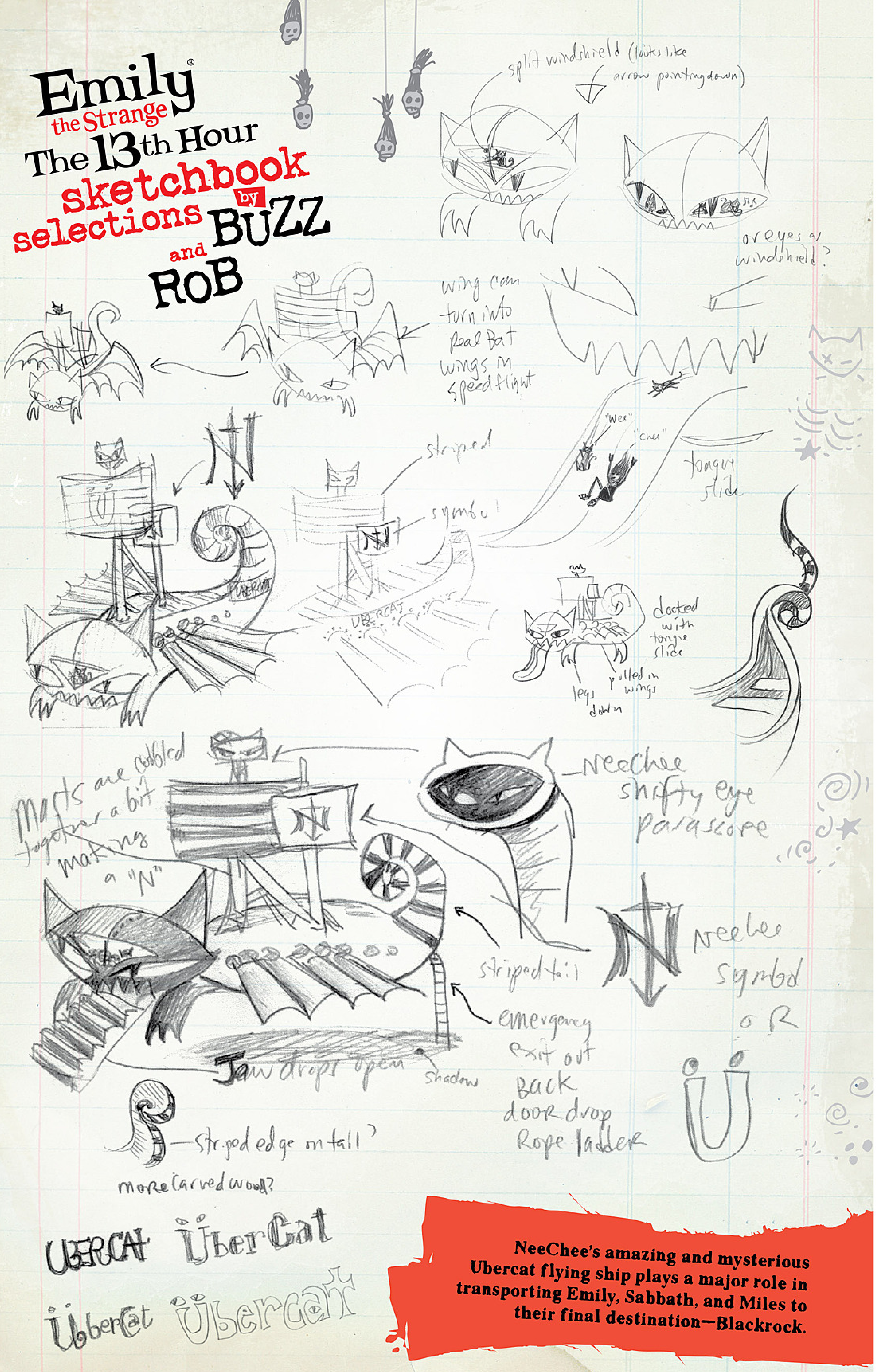
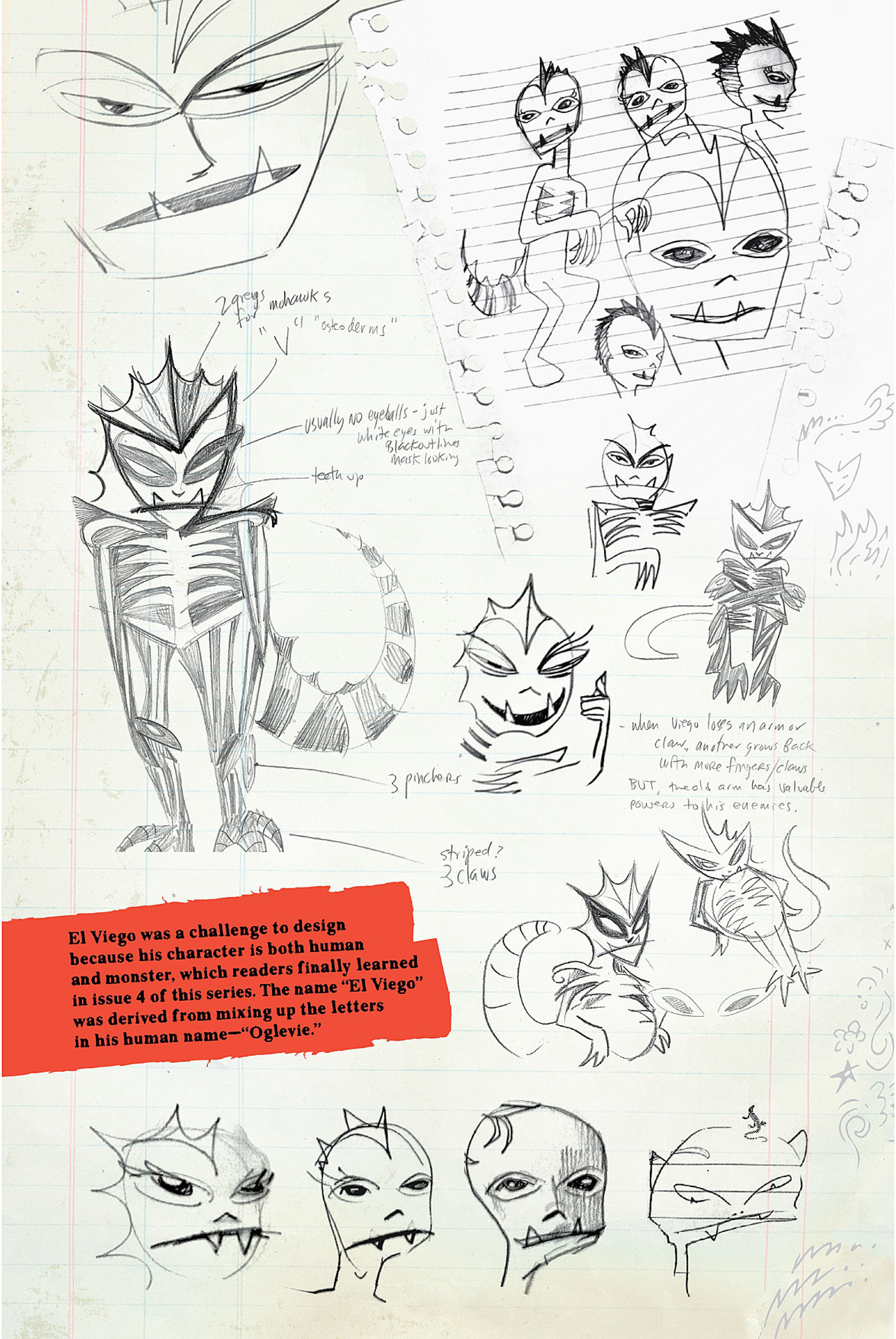


NeeChee's amazing and mysterious Ubercat flying ship plays a major role in transporting Emily, Sabbath, and Miles to their final destination—Blackrock.



El Viego was a challenge to design because his character is both human and monster, which readers finally learned in issue 4 of this series. The name "El Viego" was derived from mixing up the letters in his human name—"Oglevie."

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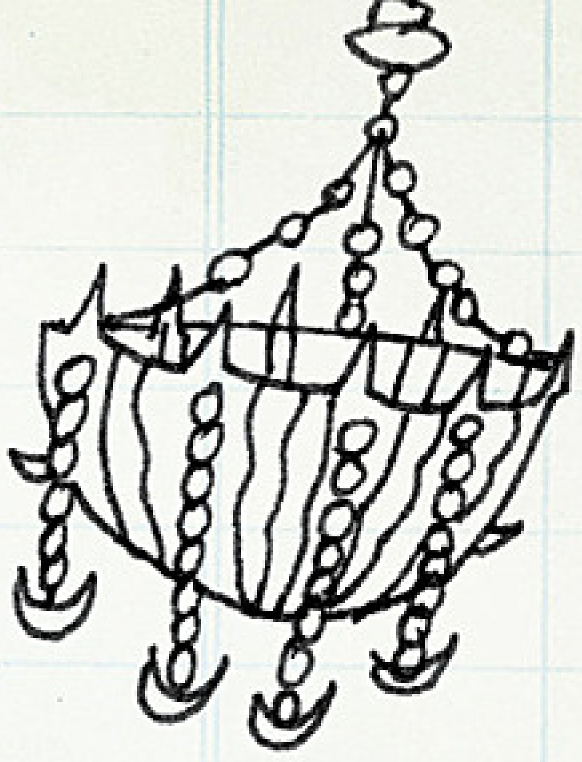
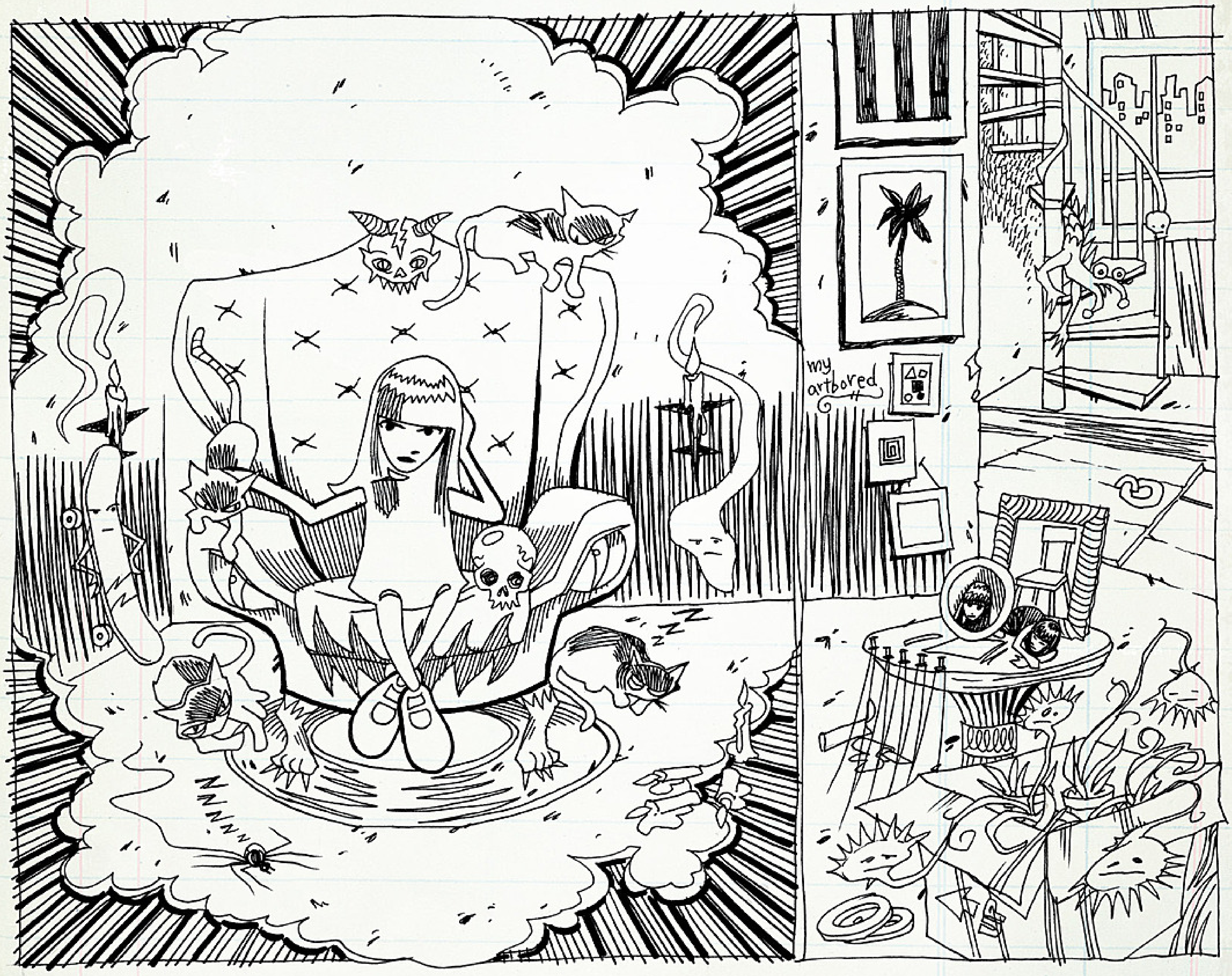
All Things Strange Sketchbook

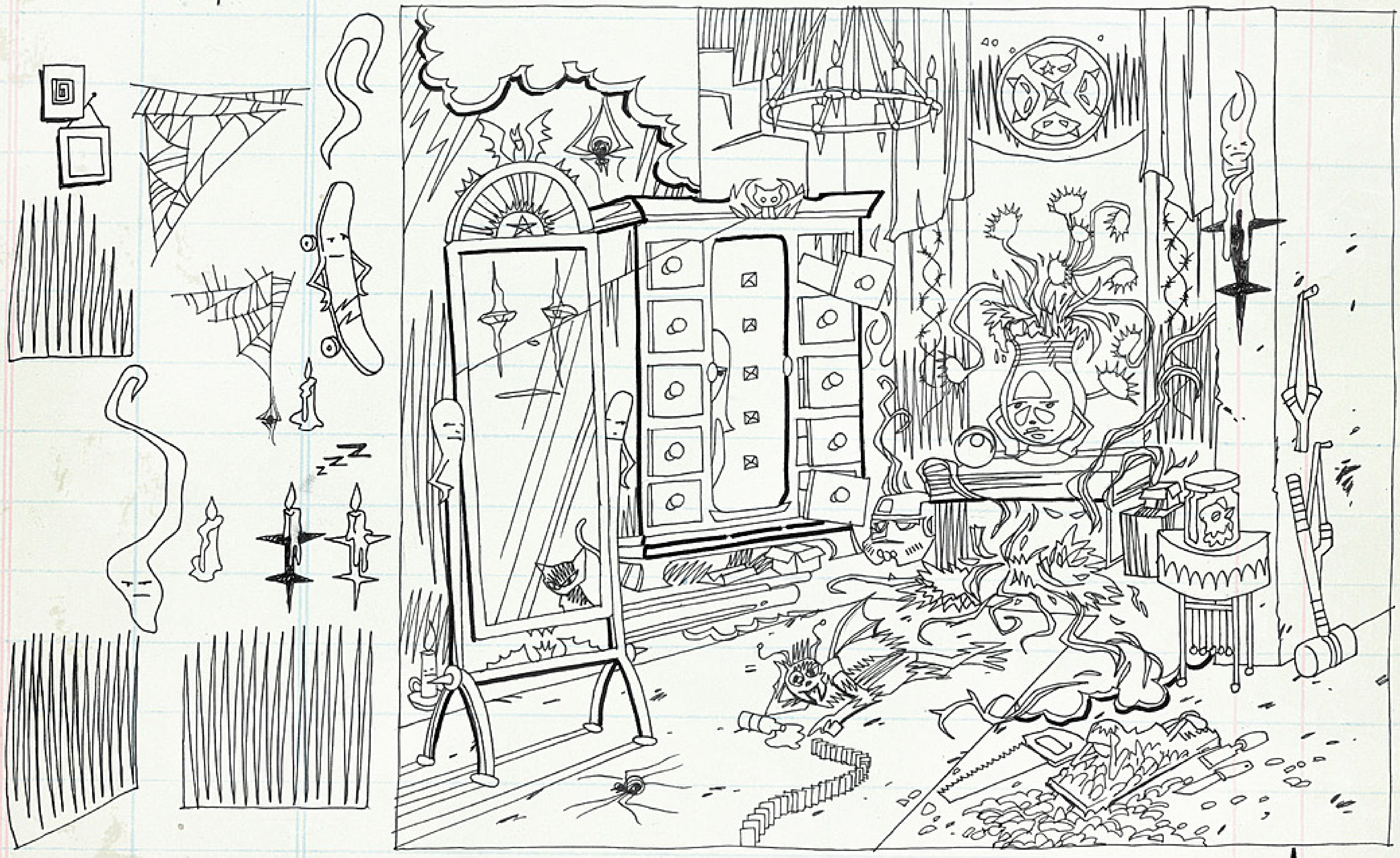
Featuring art by Buzz Parker and Rob Reger

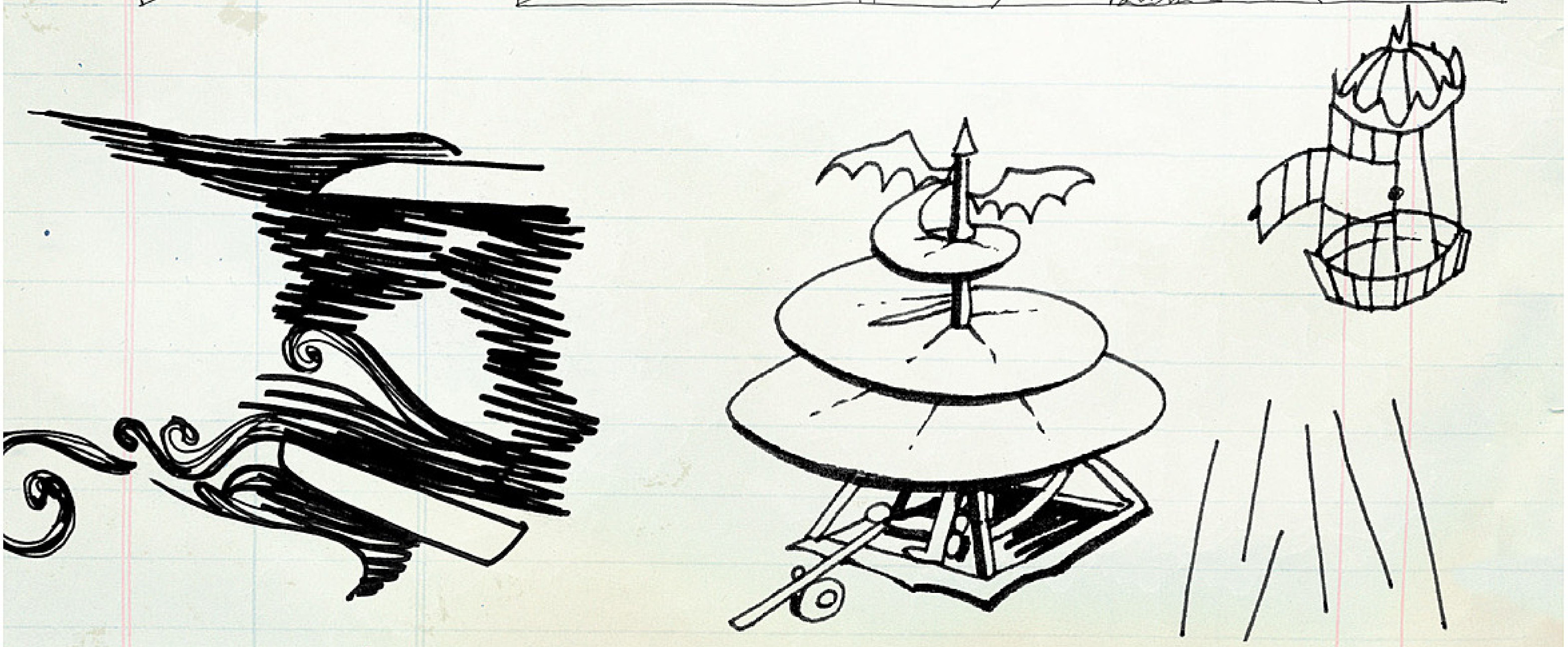




An original inked sketch for the cover of the first issue of *Emily the Strange, The Boring Issue.*

An original inked sketch for the back cover of *The Boring Issue.*





Early pencils from the cover design of *Emily the Strange #3: The Revenge Issue.*

Red pencils from the cover of *The Revenge Issue.*

A "cathouse" at the pencils stage.

A "cathouse" at the inking stage.

A final-stage "cathouse" with design elements.

The original inks for a "catstack" featured on the back cover of the *Emily the Strange* Volume 2 collection.

Original inks for the cover of
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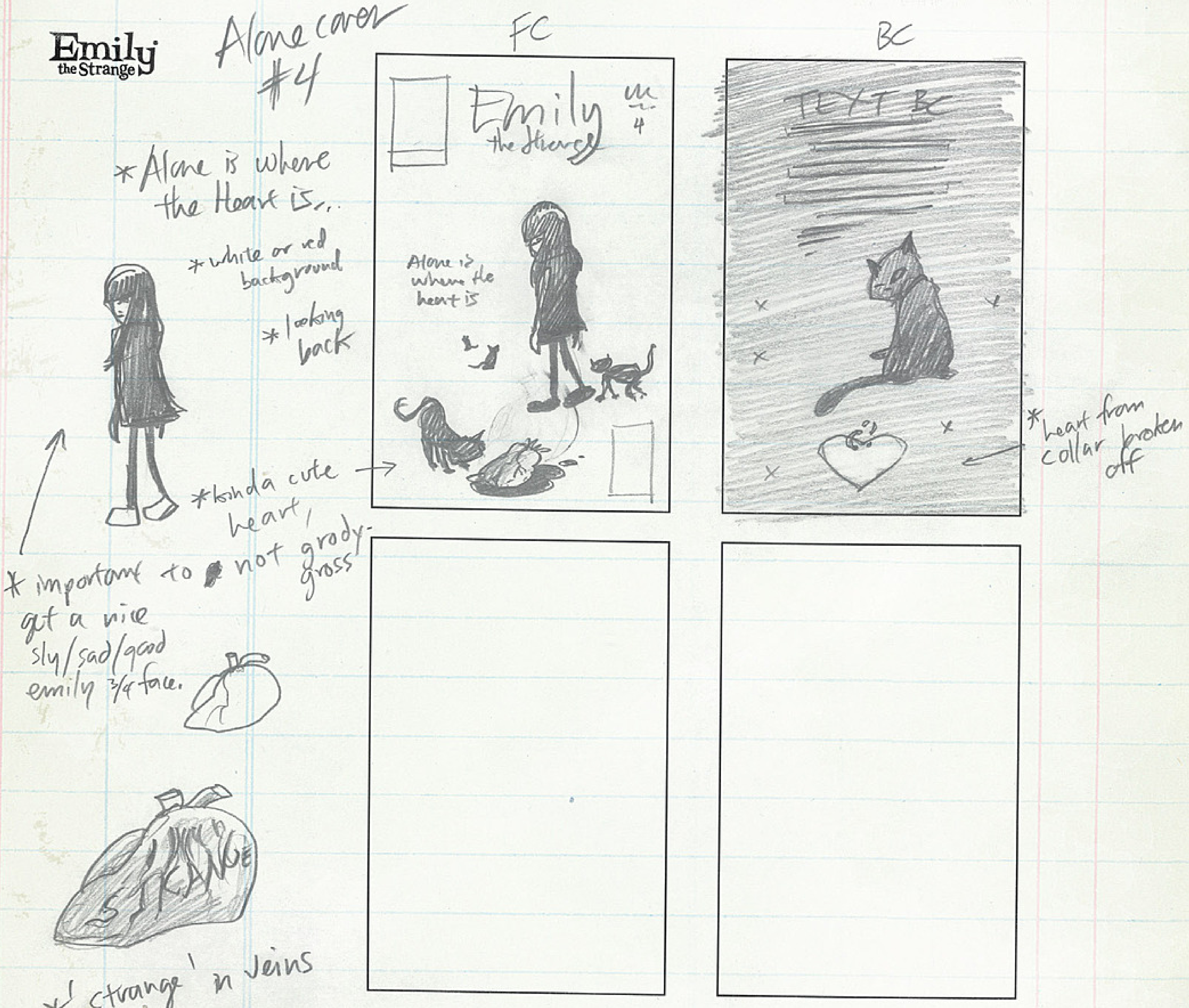
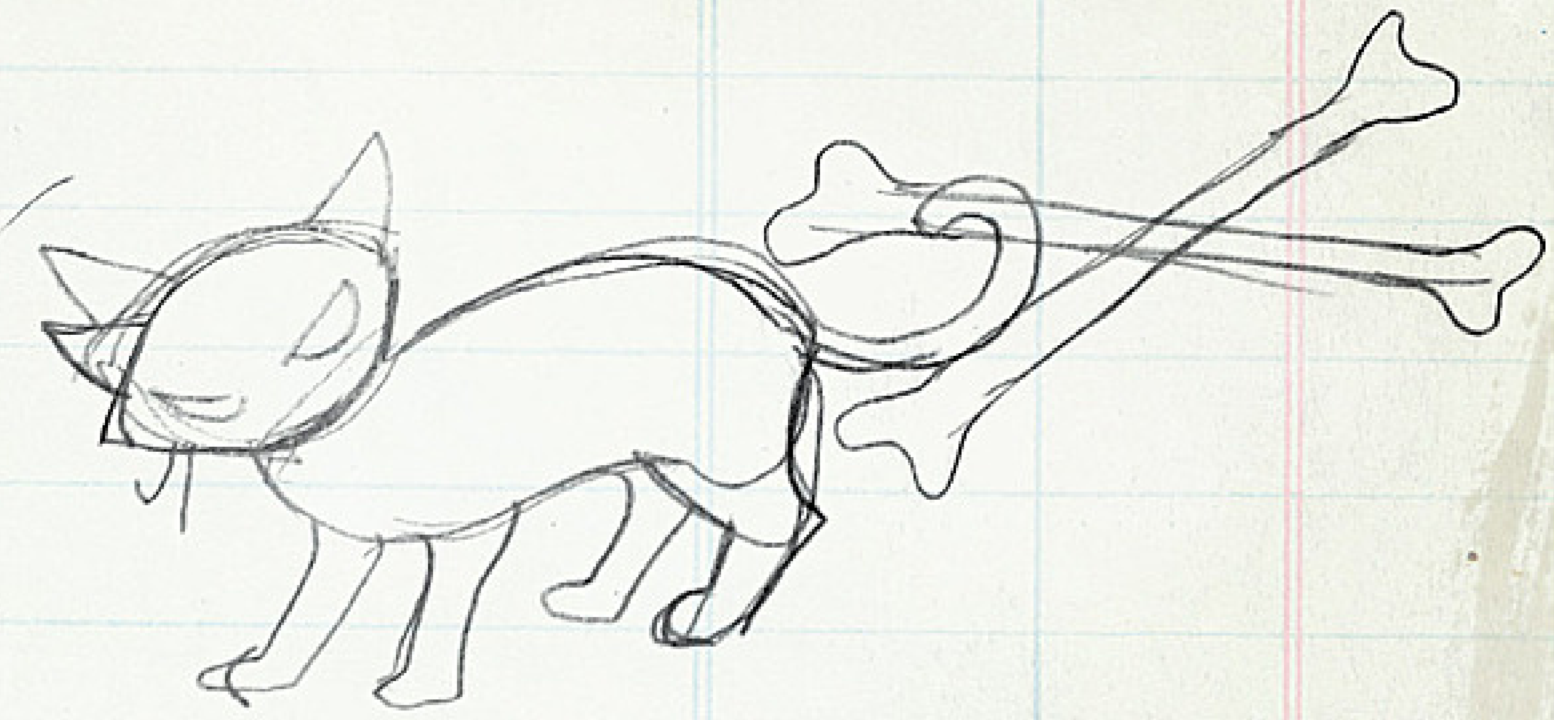
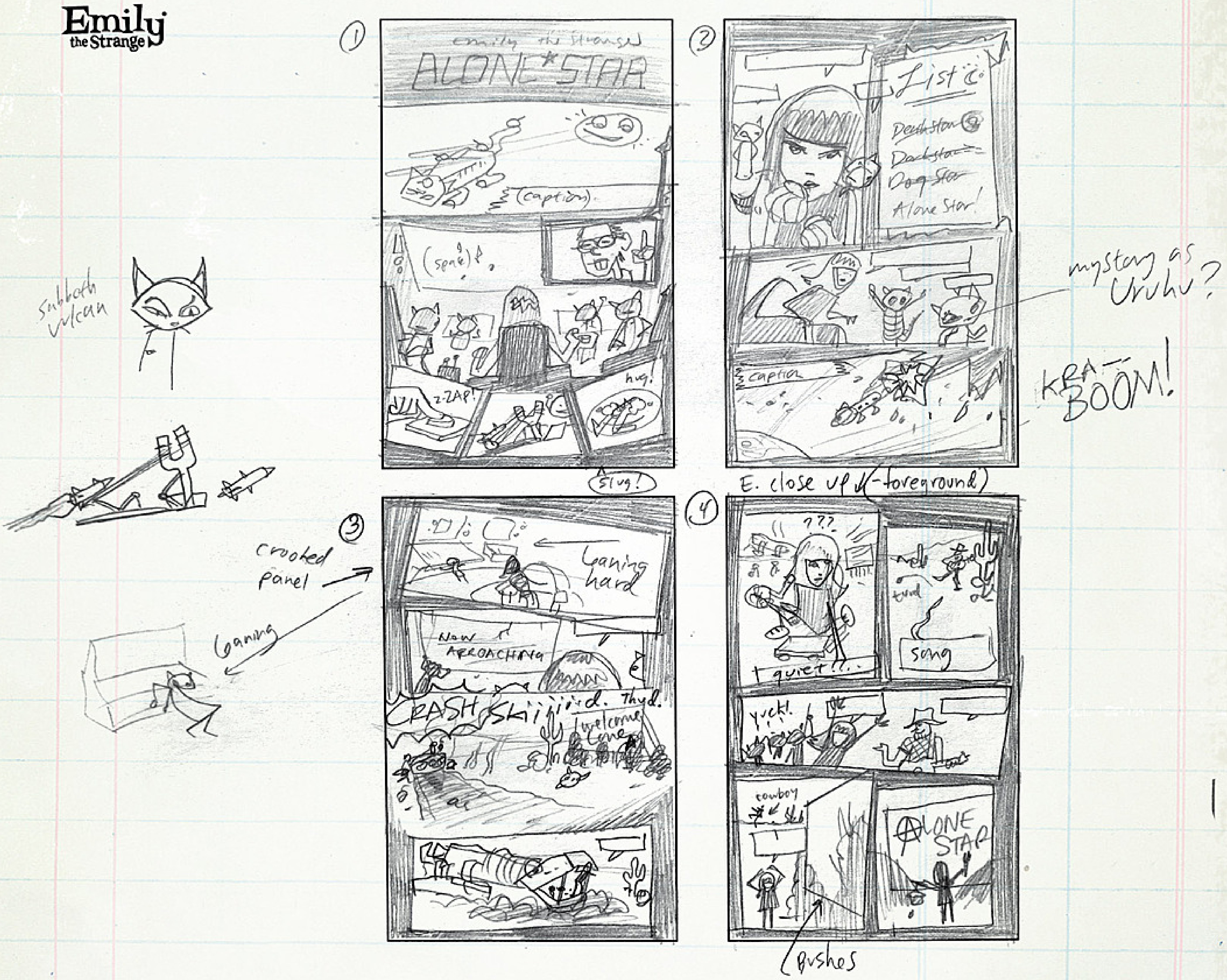
Sketch ideas for the cover of *Emily the Strange #4: The Alone Issue.*



Thumbnails and sketches for the pages of "Alone Star" from *The Alone Issue*.





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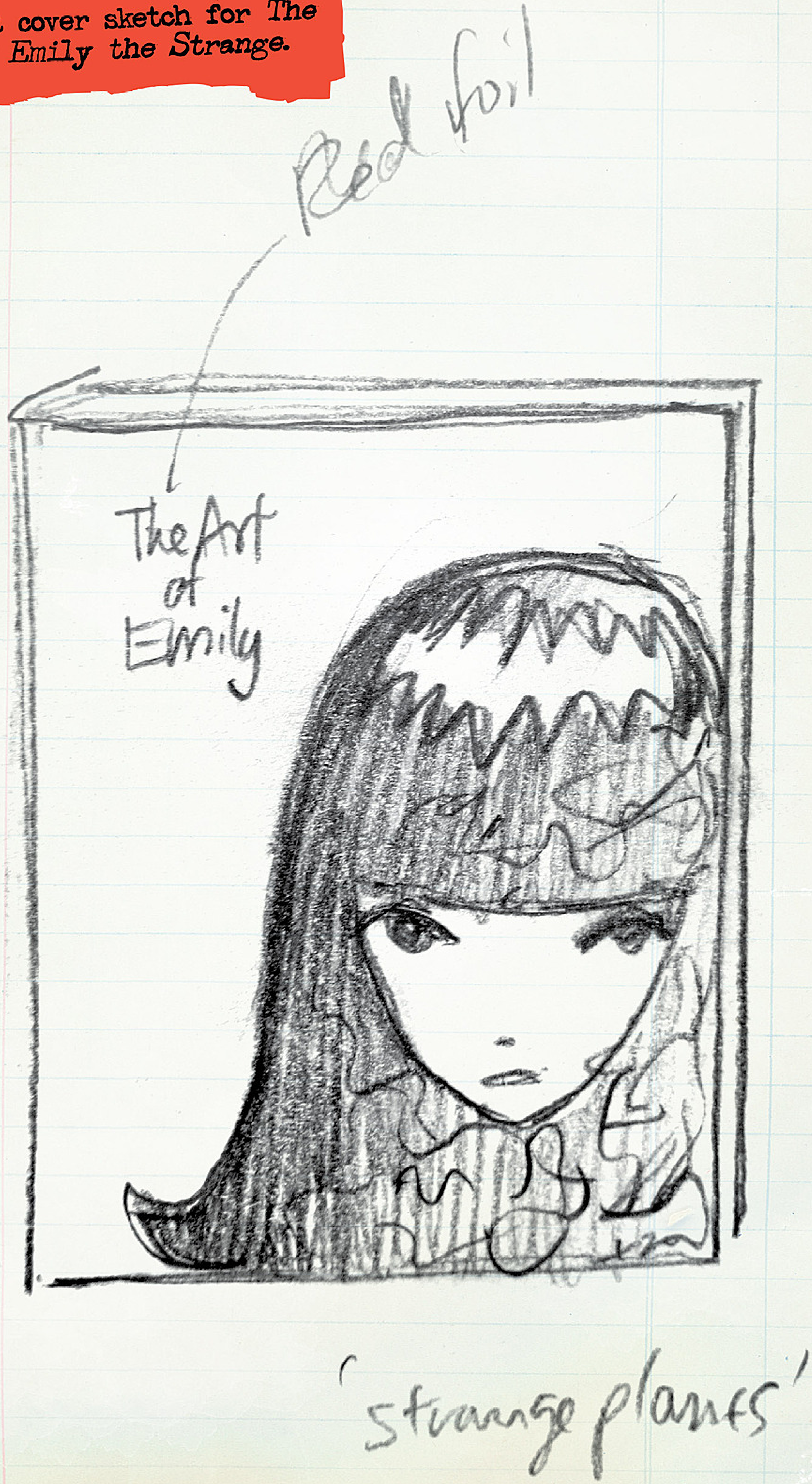
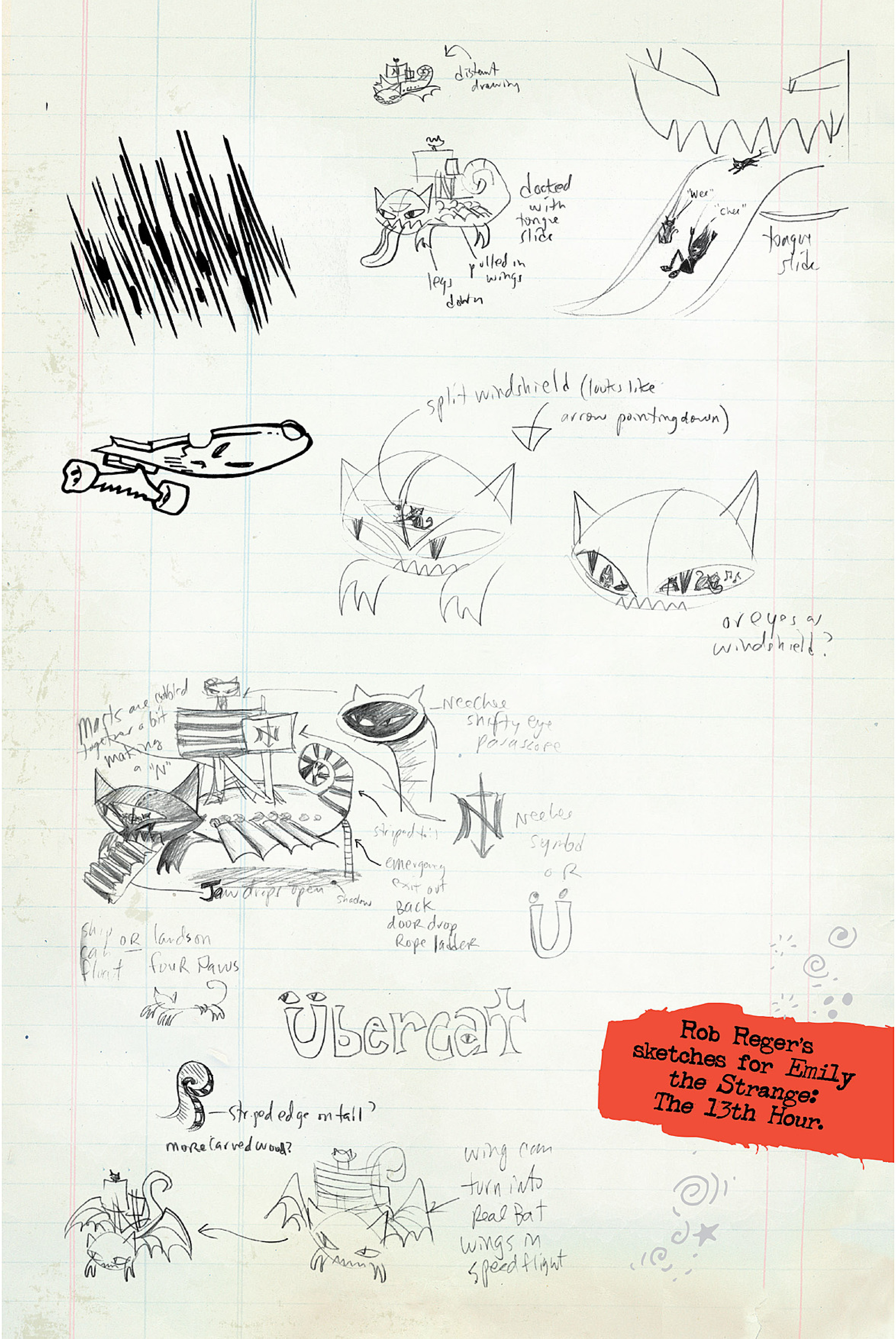
Designs for Emily's "Strange Interview" with Gerard Way in *Revenge*.

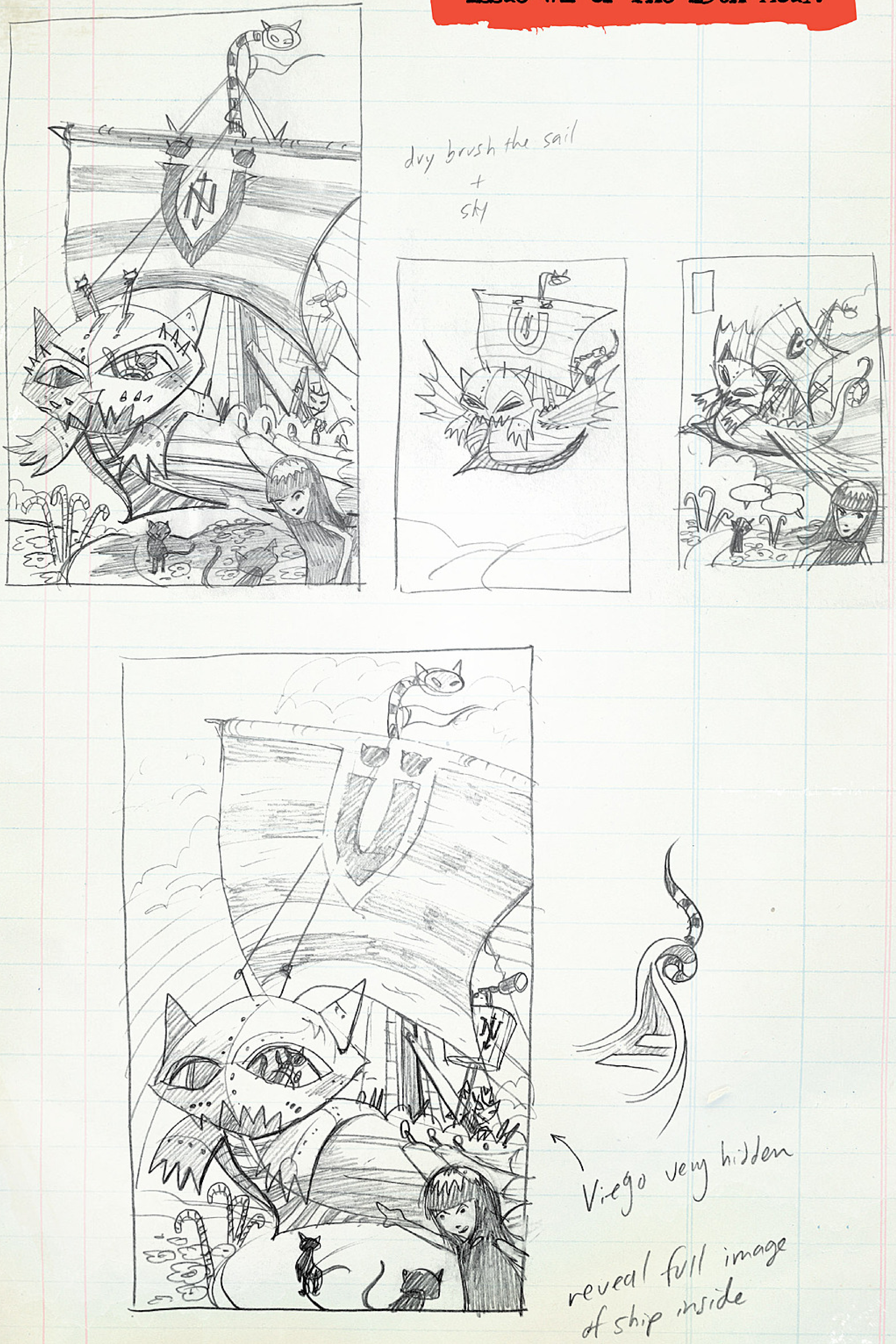
A first cover sketch for *The Art of Emily the Strange.*

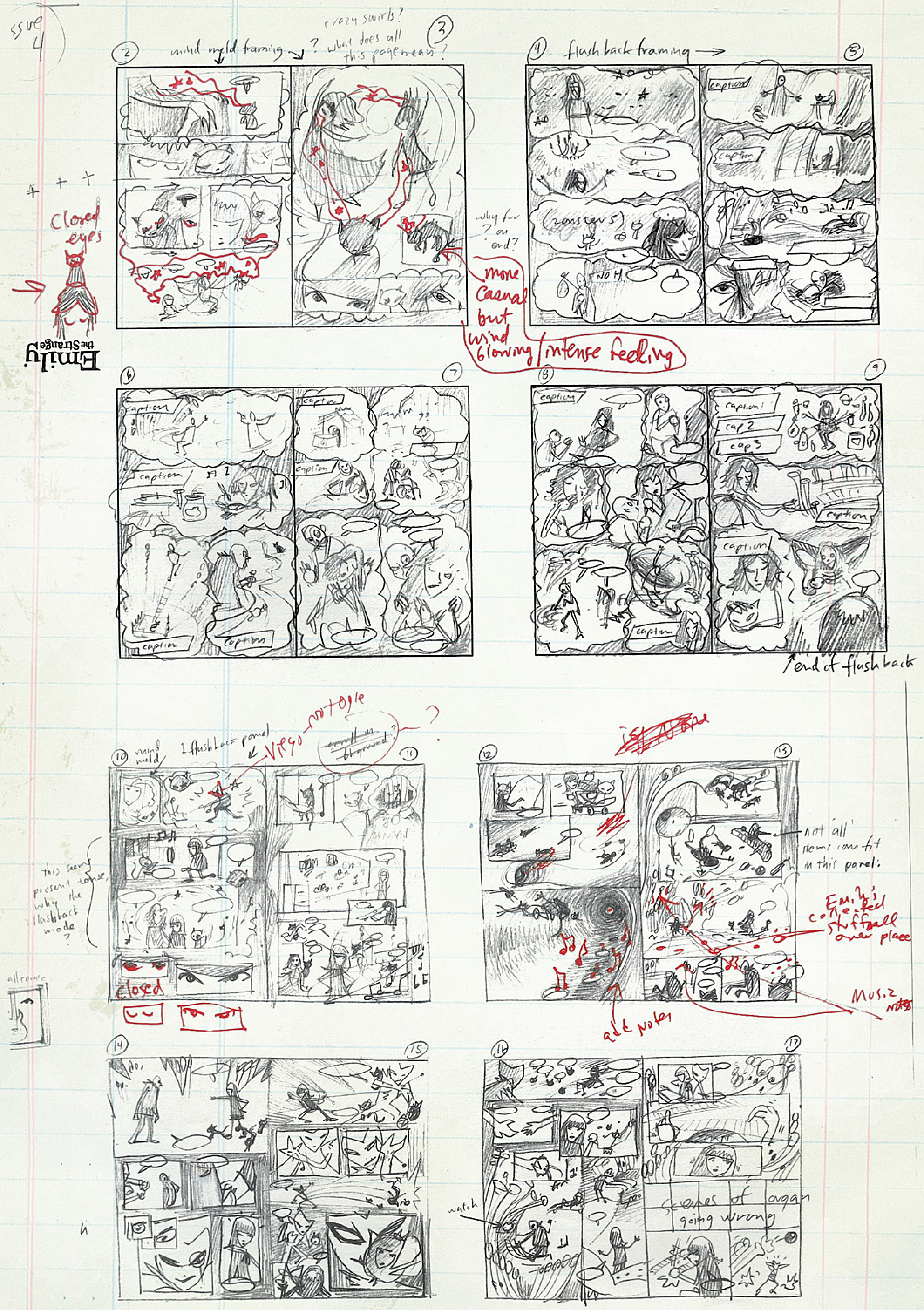




Rob Reger's sketches for *Emily the Strange: The 13th Hour.*

Sketches for the cover of issue #2 of *The 13th Hour.*





Thumbnails for pages 2-17 of
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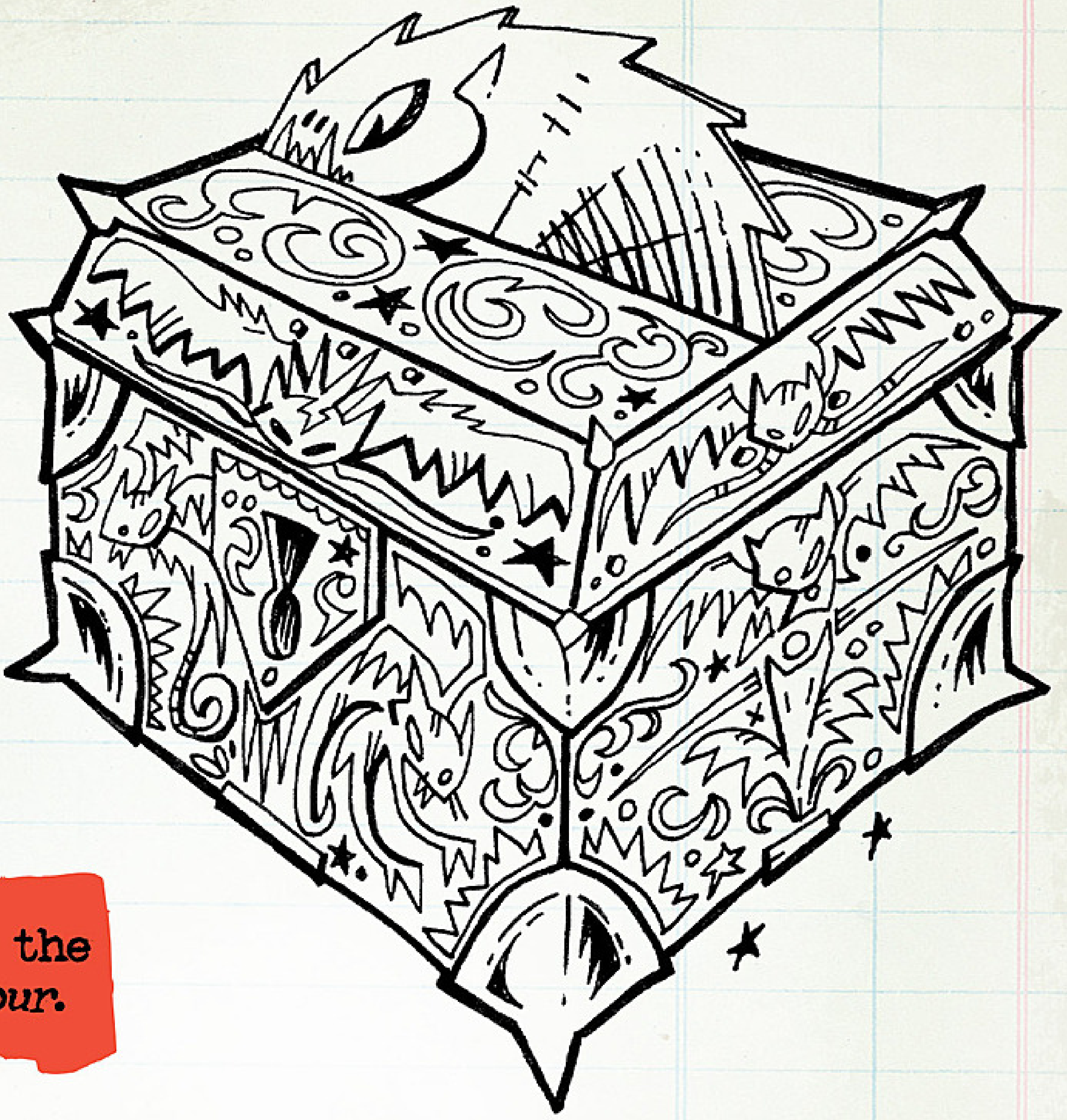
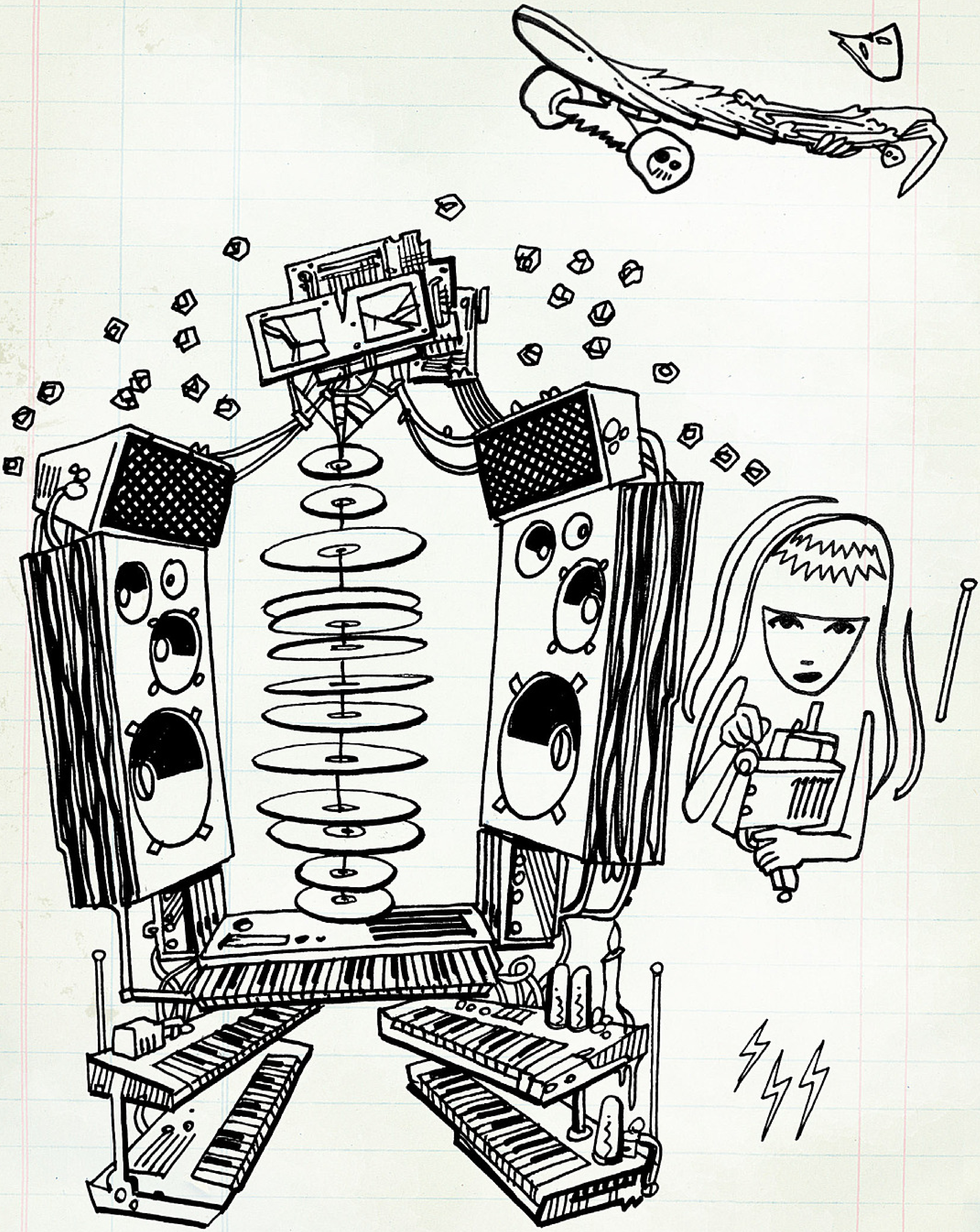
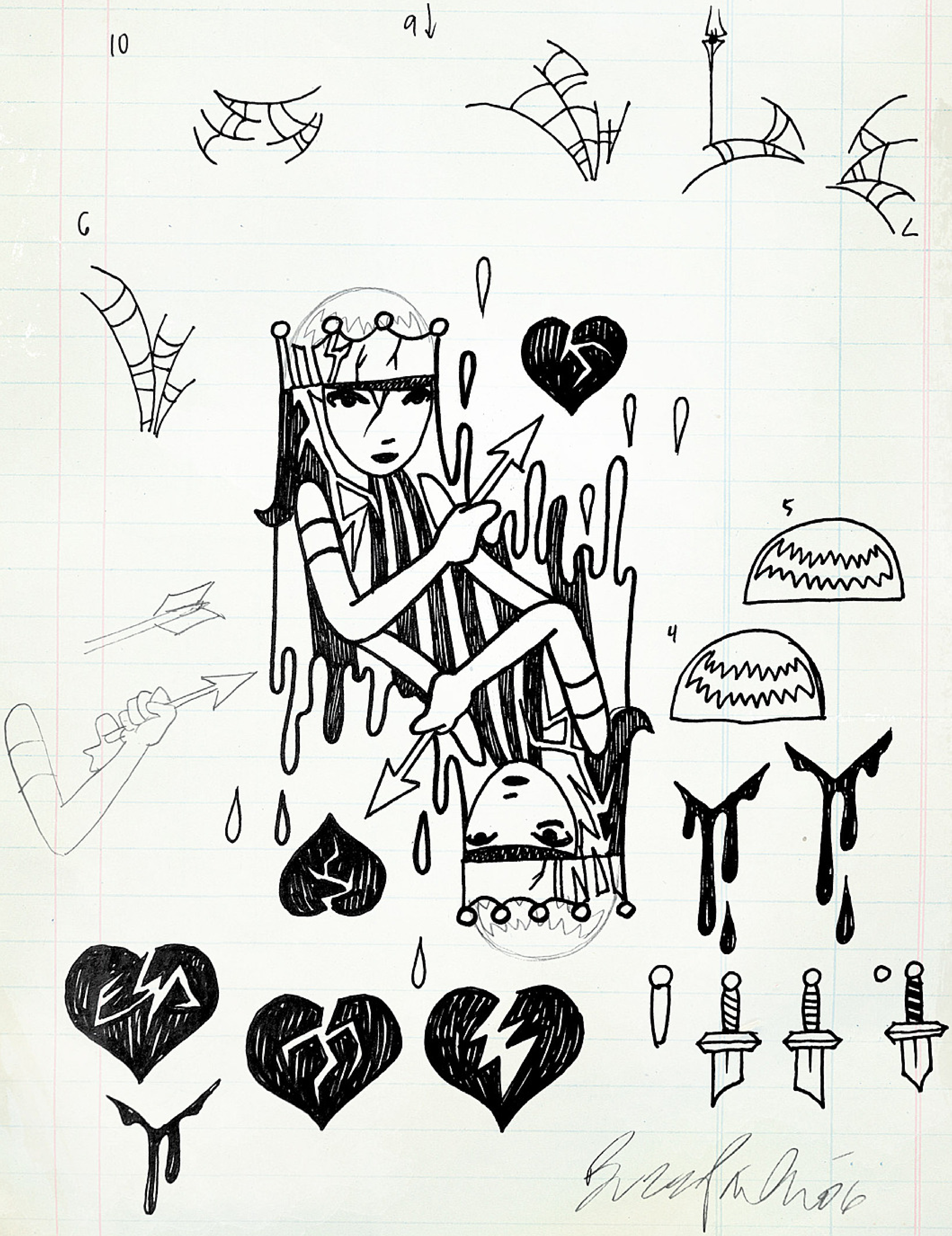


Inked design work for the box from *The 13th Hour.*



Emily builds a “pianophonic vinyl press.”

Sketches and inks for an Emily playing card.



An Emily design for
a San Diego Comic-Con
T-shirt featuring
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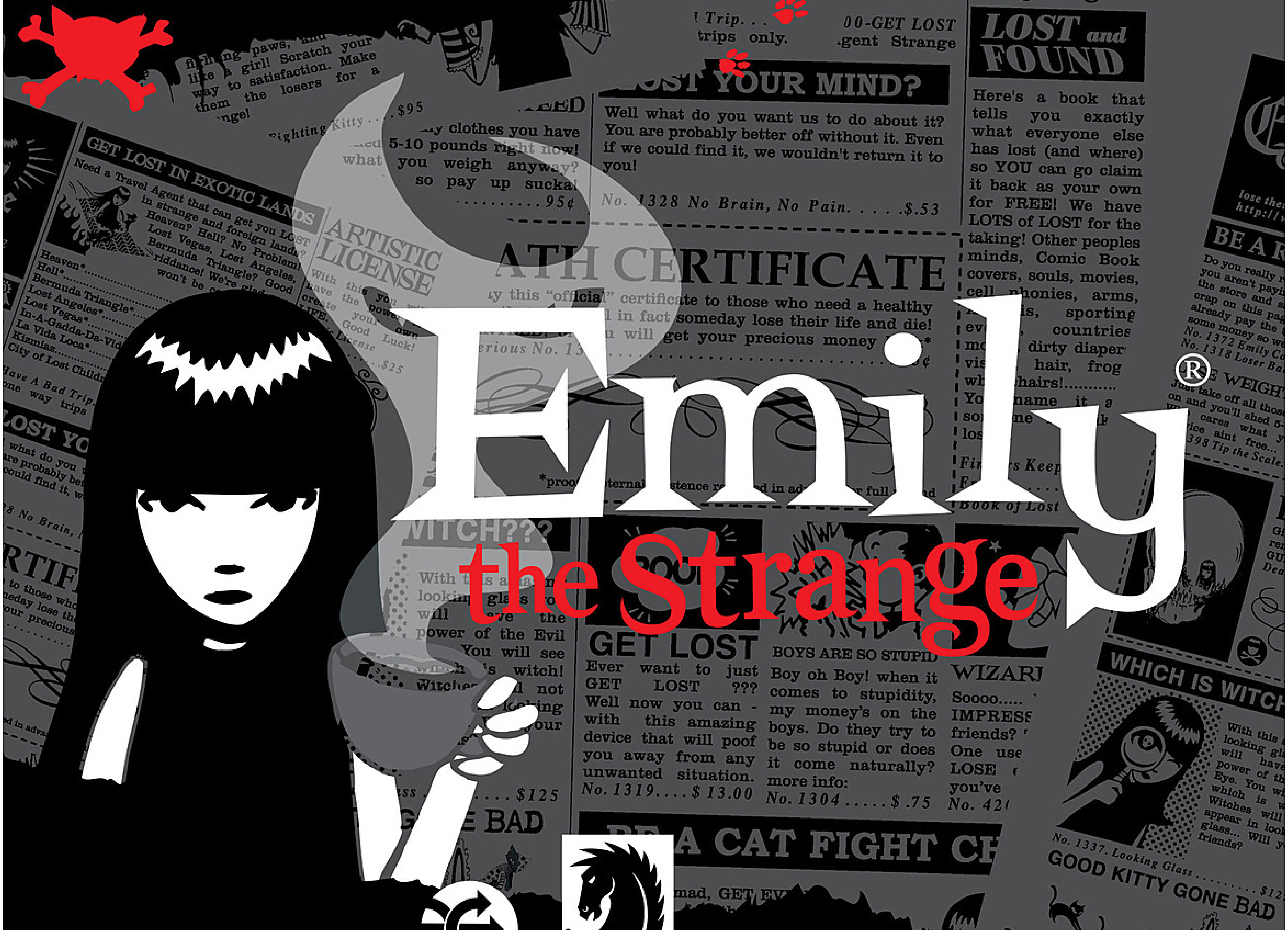

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